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## North Star office BURGLARIZED

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The *North Star* office in Chalan Kanoa was burglarized and \$1,500 worth of computer, cell phones, and other tools were stolen on Good Friday.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that stolen were an iMac desktop, a set of computer speakers, two cell phones, tools, and other items.

The burglary was discovered on Friday at 5am when *North Star* graphic art-

» Accounting office also burglarized a week ago; donation box at Mt. Carmel church destroyed, money stolen

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## Juan Tenorio allegedly beats up teenage driver

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE  
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Former lawmaker Juan I. Tenorio was arrested on Saturday for allegedly assaulting a male teenage driver in Marpi on Thursday afternoon.

Tenorio was served with an arrest warrant for assault and battery and disturbing the peace.

On Thursday, medics responded and treated the 19-year-old for minor injuries to the face. He also had a bloodied nose, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

Police said the victim was an Asian male. It was immediately clear if he

was a tourist.

Department of Public Safety acting spokesman Jason Tarkong said the sus-

spect, described as an "elderly local male," was identified but his name was withheld pending his arrest or the filing of criminal charges.

Sources revealed yesterday that the suspect is Tenorio and that he was arrested on Saturday.

Tarkong said preliminary police investigation showed that the victim was driving his car with two passengers along Chalan Pale Arnold Road going north.

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Tenorio

A man climbs on the cross to help release the ropes attached to the cross after its installation atop Mt. Tapochau on Good Friday.

THOMAS MANGLONA II

## Catholic faithful climb Mt. Tapochau in Good Friday tradition

By JAYSON CAMACHO  
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Despite the fog, muddy ground, and rain that made the trail slippery, hundreds of Catholics and Christian pilgrims still observed the long-standing tradition of trudging up Saipan's highest peak, Mt. Tapochau, to mark Good Friday.

People began walking as early as 2am from the base of the 1,545-foot mountain with flashlights, jackets, and raincoats to protect them from the rain. As of 5am, more than 400 have

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# Good Friday



Over 30 parishioners carry the cross before placing it at the top of Mt. Tapochau on Good Friday. THOMAS A. MANGLONA II



Parishioners help carry the cross up Mt. Tapochau. JON PEREZ



The Talaabwogh Stars family completes the Good Friday procession and poses for a photo. THOMAS A. MANGLONA II



Hundreds of community members make their way down Mt. Tapochau either on cars or walking after the cross was erected. JAYSON CAMACHO



Community members lift up the cross to the top of the hill. JAYSON CAMACHO



More parishioners make their final steps before reaching the summit. THOMAS A. MANGLONA II



American Red Cross passes out free water bottles and orange slices during the Good Friday trek. THOMAS A. MANGLONA II

U.S Marina Corps. Staff SGT. Rodney G. Deleon Guerrero, center, poses for a photo with 20 junior and senior high school Marine Corps trainees on Good Friday on Mt. Tapochau. THOMAS A. MANGLONA II



# Local

## US military looks to discuss special use airspace further

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REPORTER

Layer upon layer of military operated airspace is needed over Tinian for the U.S. military to conduct its envisioned live-fire training on the island, but according to the Marine Corps Forces Pacific, impacts to existing commercial flight routes have been noted and will be discussed with local carrier Star Marianas and other stakeholders this week.

In an interview last Thursday,

MARFORPAC executive director Craig Whelden said they would brief a number of groups on the CNMI Joint Military Training draft environmental impact statement, which details among others, their plans for restricted or special use airspace over Tinian. They aim to meet with Commonwealth Ports Authority and Star Marianas officials early this week.

"The draft EIS has concluded that coming down from Saipan and moving along the east side of Tinian to the airport is the

way to do it when we have live-fire ongoing," Whelden said.

When asked, he acknowledged that the alternate route would extend flight time. "There could be an increased cost as a result, but that's part of the discussion," he said.

He assured, though, that when live-fire training is not ongoing, commercial craft could take the same route they currently use. "When we cease fire we can shut everything down... to allow the aircraft to go through and start firing again," he said.

Star Marianas president Shaun Christian earlier told *Saipan Tribune* that restricted airspace was not "realistically feasible," given the distance between Saipan and Tinian and the type of aircraft that are economically efficient for this distance.

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# HPO eyes Capital Hill architectural survey

The Historic Preservation Office has identified Capital Hill for a potential archaeologi-

cal survey. This, according to the HPO director Merti Kani, would be to “document the ar-

chitecture of buildings that are 50 years or more old.”

In a Historic Preservation Re-

view Board meeting last week, member Don Farrell noted that the U.S. Navy constructed these

buildings back in the early 1950s. But the history of those times has largely been withheld, he noted.

He noted that perhaps a survey could help “break that barrier” down with the federal government.

“Perhaps documenting will be another door opened” to

get the federal government to release “sensitive documents” from those times, he said.

Northern Marianas History tracks have a 10-year blank spot, he claimed.

“We don’t know what really happened,” he said. **(Dennis B. Chan)**

## 16 cases referred to truancy committee

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REPORTER

Sixteen cases have been referred to the CNMI State Board of Education’s School Attendance Review Committee, or SARC.

Several referral forms are waiting to be signed, according to BOE last week. This

would bring the number to “near 20” cases.

In December, *Saipan Tribune* reported 11 cases referred to SARC. In October, this number was at four, according to PSS counsel.

Cases are described as students who’ve “exhausted” their options when it comes to meet-

ing attendance in school.

In last month’s board meeting, counsel Adam Hardwicke said “they are just scratching the tip of the iceberg on the number of cases and families that need help.”

SARC provides intervention for public school juveniles and their families in problems with

truancy, irregular attendance, or insubordinate or disorderly behavior, before referral to the juvenile justice system. The committee is composed of a parent of a school-age child, representatives from PSS, the Coalition of Private Schools, the juvenile probation unit of the Division of Youth Services, the Child Protective Unit of the Division of Youth Services, and the Department of Public Safety.

## Military eyes change in jurisdiction control of land, submerged land in CNMI

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REPORTER

The draft CNMI Joint Military Training Plan Environmental Impact Statement is out, a document of more than 1,000 pages that evaluates the potential impacts of proposals to increase joint military training capabilities by developing live-fire ranges and training areas on Tinian and Pagan.

Of these proposed actions, Tinian has three alternatives and Pagan has two. The U.S. military says the alternatives would possibly change federal jurisdictional control of land and submerged land in the CNMI.

On the CJMT’s Chapter 4, a section of the chapter talks about the analysis and potential impacts on land and submerged land use. The U.S. military proposes that the analysis of land use compatibility considers existing land uses that “would be limited or precluded by the proposed action.” What the CNMI has now with land usage on both Tinian and Pagan prevents or could make it impossible for the proposed actions to continue.

This would only be for operation measures and not for construction.

### Tinian alternatives

## TENORIO

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Tarkong said the teenager got into a confrontation with the suspect, who was in a white car traveling in the same direction.

After the confrontation, the suspect followed the teenager’s car that proceeded to the parking lot of Marianas Trekking in Marpi.

The suspect got out and allegedly punched the teenager in the face twice.

Tarkong said several bystanders saw the assault.

Police were called but the suspect fled before the officers arrived at the scene.

Tarkong said that based on the evidence gathered and statements from eyewitnesses, the suspect has been identified.

Police placed the incident un-

der further investigation.

In September 2013, Tenorio was acquitted of charges that he sexually abused an 11-year-old girl in May 2010.

After deliberating for less than two hours, six Superior Court jurors rendered a unanimous verdict finding the then-64-year-old Tenorio not guilty of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree.

Associate Judge David A. Wiseman, who decided on the

misdemeanor charges, also found Tenorio not guilty of assault and battery and disturbing the peace.

Wiseman said he found the girl a credible witness, but that he could not ignore the defendant’s testimony that the touching of the girl’s privates was not knowingly done.

Tenorio is the human resources manager for Grandvrio Resort, the former Hafadai Beach Hotel.

the building’s back door.

*Saipan Tribune* also learned that last March 27, the accounting office of the Diocese, which is also located on the second floor of the same building, had also been burglarized, and a small vault was destroyed and \$250 cash was stolen from it.

The suspect or suspects reportedly gained entry by destroying the lock of the back door. Because of the incident, the Diocese secured the back door, but last Friday, the suspect

entered through the main door.

After Friday’s incident, the Diocese has hired a security staff to watch the building as well as the Mt. Carmel Cathedral.

Seven or eight years ago, *North Star* was also burglarized and about three cameras were stolen. All these incidents remain unsolved.

Last February, the donation box inside Mt. Carmel Church was destroyed and money was stolen, *Saipan Tribune* was told.

## CATHOLIC

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already walked up the mountain.

The island’s Good Friday tradition of hiking to the top of Mr. Tapochau formally began with a giant wooden cross being transported from Mount Carmel Cathedral, where it was blessed, to the base of the mountain, where devotees carried the cross on their shoulders to the top.

Stations of the Cross were also strategically located throughout the path up the mountain.

Santa Soledad parishioners and Fr. Isaac Ayuyu led this year’s prayers to the peak of Mr. Tapochau.

At exactly 7:24am, the cross was finally installed at the mountain’s peak, with the help of many volunteers, young and old alike.

Santa Soledad parishioners continued praying and singing in commemoration of the passion and death of Christ.

One of those who made the trek to the top was a couple who wore T-shirts that had their deceased friend’s picture printed on them. They both said that they wanted to symbolically bring him with them to the trek.

## MILITARY

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He said shutting airspace down would increase transportation times and drive up costs for customers.

In an interview yesterday, Christian said a contractor for the draft EIS called late last week, asking them to meet with MARFORPAC.

An agenda for the meeting was not given, he said, when asked what he’d like to discuss.

Nevertheless, he indicated the meeting is scheduled for Tuesday or Wednesday.

“We are still concerned,” Christian said yesterday.

### Airspace needed

The draft EIS describes two types of special use airspace: “restricted areas” and a “military operations area.” The areas extend over the coastline and thousands of feet into the air.

On top of the military operations area would lay an Air Traffic Control Assigned Airspace, which accommodates weapon system that could be hazardous to aircraft. This space would be on an “as-needed” basis.

Restricted areas start from the surface to 18,000 feet mean sea level, or MSL. The military operations area would start at 3,000 feet MSL and stop at an

altitude up to but not including 18,000 feet. On top of this, the Air Traffic Control airspace extends from a floor of 18,000 feet MSL to 30,000 feet above MSL.

There are eight proposed restricted areas. Live-fire training would “turn on” or activate some or all of these areas. Civilian craft would be prohibited from entering until cleared by the military.

The draft EIS notes that some of these restricted areas would be used daily from 7am to 10pm for up to 140 days per year, except during Saipan International Airport jetliner activity.

The draft EIS lists fighter, transport tilt-rotor, transport rotary-wing, attack helicopter, and transport fix wing aircraft, and unmanned aerial systems activity. Annual operations total 7,730 hours, from 7am to 10pm. For the rest of the day, it totals 1,830.

Without the special use airspace, which the Federal Aviation Administration would grant, only small arms training could begin on Tinian, no live-fire.

But it’s unclear right now where the FAA is at on this rule making, which would amend existing rules that prevent restricted airspace near commercial airports. FAA representatives are set to be on island this week, it was learned.

## NORTH STAR

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When Temperante noticed that the lock to the main door on the first floor of the two-story Joeten and Daidai Social Hall Diocesan Curia Building was destroyed, he immediately called their maintenance personnel and 911.

Once inside the building, the suspect or suspects allegedly proceeded to the second floor

and forcibly opened the door of the *North Star* office by smashing the glass portion of the door.

The office of a nun was also burglarized, but no item was stolen.

The *North Star*’s room, where Temperante holds office, was ransacked. The suspect tried but failed to open the vault, where cameras and video equipment were placed. The vault, however, could not be used anymore because of damage.

The possible exit entry was



# Man, 60, suffers injuries in stabbing case on Rota

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A 60-year-old man suffered serious injuries when a visitor allegedly assaulted him with a fishing spear, a chain, and a cooking pot at his residence in Teneto Village on Rota last Saturday.

The victim, a Caucasian male, sustained several lacerations, puncture wounds, contusions and abrasions on the head and upper torso. He was airlifted to Guam via U.S. Navy helicopter for further treatment, police said yesterday.

The suspect, 36-year-old William "Pono" Matthewson, also

a Caucasian, was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon, attempted murder, and disturbing the peace. He was brought to the Department of Corrections on Saipan yesterday.

Department of Public Safety acting spokesman Jason Tarkong said that on Saturday Rota police responded to an assault incident at a residence in Teneto Village.

Tarkong said preliminary investigation showed that Matthewson visited the victim at his residence, where he then alleg-



Matthewson

edly assaulted him with several objects.

The victim suffered serious injuries and was transported to Rota Health Center for treatment. He was later transferred to Guam for further treatment.

Tarkong said DPS Rota and Saipan are working together to complete the investigation.

He said DPS Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero will release more details about the stabbing at a press briefing today, Monday.

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# NMC opposes paying \$78K employer contributions

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The Northern Marianas College has filed in federal court its opposition to the NMI Settlement Fund Trustee's request to compel it to comply with the settlement agreement in Betty Johnson's class action by paying employer contributions and penalties in the amount of \$75,080.79.

NMC legal counsel Mark A. Scoggins said trustee Joyce C. H. Tang argues that the settlement agreement "does not say that the NMC gets to pay a lower rate or that it should not follow Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo's order."

In NMC's opposition filed in the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Thursday, Scoggins said it is true that the agreement contains no such language, but it does state that the autonomous agencies "shall make supplemental payments...at the same contribution rates they were paying as of June 26, 2013."

"If the effect of this language is that NMC pays somewhat slightly less than other agencies, then so be it," Scoggins pointed out.

The lawyer also cited that Tang argues that "if the court were to follow NMC's interpretation of Section 5 of the settlement agreement, then a party that contributed 0 percent on June 26, 2013, would not be required to pay any employer contributions for its employees."

"NMC responds that yes, this would be a correct result, but the trustee identifies no absurdity here," Scoggins said.

Such a result, Scoggins said, would simply mean that the small army of attorneys who put the settlement agreement together took a look at this hy-

pothetical "Agency Zero," and concluded that zero was sufficient for that particular agency given its situation.

Finally, he said, Tang argues that the result would "...be completely unfair to the agencies which comply, and the retirees who are forced to subsidize NMC."

Scoggins said NMC fails to understand exactly how the retirees would be subsidizing anything, and the argument is more than a little hyperbolic.

To say also that the situation is "completely unfair" to other agencies presumes many facts and circumstances that might demonstrate that NMC is, in fact, similarly situated to every other agency, he said.

"The court need not consider such things, however, because the plain language and the four corners of the document lead to only one conclusion; NMC is not in default, and the trustee's motion should be denied," Scoggins said.

He said NMC received no procedural or substantive due process in the Superior Court, and that it remains a mystery to NMC as to how it ever could have been ordered to do something in a court case to which it was never a party.

The trustee, through counsel Dean Manglona, asked the court to require NMC to pay all future employer contributions at a rate of 30 percent.

Manglona asserted that other CNMI agencies choose to cooperate and work with the Settlement Fund to find the funds to make the full 30 percent contribution from their budget.

"NMC has no excuse for not making the full 30 percent employer contribution for its employees," the lawyer said.

To allow NMC to pay a lower rate would not only lead to an absurd result, Manglona said, but it will also be completely unfair to the agencies that comply.

In her declaration in support of a motion to enforce final

judgment, Tang said the settlement agreement in Johnson's case requires the NMI government and autonomous agencies to pay employer contributions to the Settlement Fund after each pay period at the rate of 30

percent of total payroll, pursuant to Govendo's order on Aug. 11, 2011.

Tang said as of pay period ending Feb. 21, 2015, the CNMI government and all other governmental entities, except

for NMC, has been paying their employer contributions based on the reduced 30 percent rate.

Tang said NMC currently pays employer contributions at the low and incorrect rate of 20 percent.

## Swirls is an instant hit

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Clean, colorful, and family-friendly, "Swirls"—a new yogurt, coffee, and smoothie shop in Garapan—is an instant hit. Located near American Memorial Park, hundreds dropped by for their soft opening on Saturday.

Harry Blanco and his wife, Sheryl, call the shop a "team" project.

"The name came from my wife," said Blanco, who enjoyed his many stops at Starbucks in Japan while in the military.

Blanco said his wife came up with the idea of opening their own frappe and smoothies place. But it was a trip together to a busy yogurt shop in Australia that inspired what they have today.

"Everything just kind of clicked together," Sheryl

Blanco said. "Even how we came upon the name. Everything that we offer has a swirl in it."

Together with their daughters Celine, Gianna, and Hanna, they mixed, matched and chipped away at their current design.

"Pops and colors" is what their daughters brought to the table, Sheryl Blanco said. "They were able to add younger flavor to our original concepts," she said.

"They are so energetic," Harry Blanco said.

Right now, "Swirls" rotates four yogurt flavors everyday. Popular is the chocolate. They offer a fruit flavor everyday. Yesterday, it was coconut. On Saturday, it was banana.

The store has a whole line of espresso drinks and a different kind of smoothie. It's creamier, not icy or slushy. Sheryl Blanco said they use a fruit puree and a creamier base.

And like their logo and uniform, their daughters were "masterminds" behind the recipes, the Blancos said.



The "Swirls" family smiles for the camera.

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# Pacifica launches hashtag social media campaign



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eos and content of their respective captions.

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Since its official introduction on the company's Facebook page on March 20, a number of photos have already been hashtagged. Some of these include a beach photo of the Stand Up Paddle Saipan family, super hero children of domestic violence activist Malysa Castro, a sunset selfie of PSS counselor Christopher Cabrera, and a few candid photos of Boka Boka owner Marianne Teregeyo and her family.

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## Mafnas gets special projects post

By JOEL D. PINAROC  
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REPORTER

Former Department of Corrections commissioner Ramon Mafnas will continue to work for the government, this time as a special assistant for project development.

Press Secretary Ivan Blanco said the appointment means Mafnas will work closely with potential investors coming to the CNMI.

The official said one of the responsibilities of Mafnas is to liaise with investors and guide them through the process of getting permits and licenses necessary to start a business in the Commonwealth.

The position is a newly created government post.

In a brief statement, Mafnas confirmed his appointment, saying he "will continue to serve" in this new capacity. He said there are a number of agencies that investors need to go to, and one of his main responsibilities is to help these companies "navigate" the complex process.



Mafnas

Mafnas was given an office on Capital Hill. He started work last week.

In February, Mafnas' courtesy resignation as head of the Department of Corrections was accepted by the administration of Gov. Eloy S. Inos.

It was earlier announced that

Mafnas will not be appointed to a Cabinet-level position, but will still be part of government.

In a statement after his departure as Corrections chief, Mafnas said: "It is a privilege and honor to serve at the pleasure of past and present governors and lieutenant governors as both co-coordinator of the U.S.-CNMI consent decrees since 2006 and DOC commissioner since 2010."

"It has always been my desire to promote professional standards, performance and efficiency in all things that I am assigned to carry out and oversee," he said.

During the administration of then-governor Benigno R. Fitial, Mafnas served as DOC and Department of Public Safety commissioner.



### CBI UNVEILED

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Department of Public Safety Commissioner James C. DeLeon Guerrero and CNMI Courts acting director Sonia Camacho unveil the signage of the newly renovated Commonwealth Bureau of Investigation Building in Susupe last Thursday.

## Oral Cancer roadside waving to take place today

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Cancer Association, anti-cancer groups, dental clinics, and supporters will be holding a roadside waving today from 4pm to 6pm along Beach Road in front of The Shack in Oleai.

This is in line with the observance of Oral Cancer Awareness Month. The roadside waving is part of CCA and their partners' efforts to help spread awareness of the effects of chewing tobacco and betel nut as it is the major cause of oral cancer.

CCA program manager Juan

Babauta said the community is encouraged to wear red since it is symbolic of oral cancer. Community members can register on-site and will receive a red ribbon to be worn with pride.

"Invite your friends, family, and children as we kick off the countdown to Marianas March Against Cancer 2015 and promote healthy habits with healthy living in the CNMI. Our dental clinics are here to support us and we thank Dental Care, The Saipan Seventh Day Adventist Clinic, New Wave Dental, Toothworks, Smile Marianas, and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. Division of Public Health

for their assistance," Babauta said.

"I hope to have a few dentists and survivors come to this roadside wave, so if there's anyone else you can think of, tell them to join us. Also, I have Oral Cancer shirts from last year that will be sold on-site for \$10. All proceeds will go to CCA and MMAC," he added.

Marianas March Against Cancer committee member Nola Hix is also asking the community to come out and help support the cause. She said fighting oral cancer and raising awareness for early screening will help fight this disease.

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# Nominations open for Businesswoman of the Year

First Hawaiian Bank and *Guam Business Magazine* are seeking nominations for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Businesswoman of the Year *Maga'Haga* award. The *Maga'Haga* award recognizes one dynamic businesswoman in Guam or on Saipan who has made an impact in her field or industry as well as in the community.

A nominee for the award should be a businesswoman who:

- is a resident of Guam or Saipan;

- has made a significant difference in her industry through her organization or business;

- has contributed to her community;

- is a leading representative in her profession or field;

- displays the best qualities of someone in business.

The deadline for nominations is April 24. The winner will be announced at the Business-

woman of the Year Gala on June 20 at the Lotte Hotel Guam.

The gala is also a fundraiser for the Businesswoman of the Year scholarship program. Open to both full-time and part-time college students, the scholarship program promotes higher education by providing financial assistance to college students at the University of Guam, Guam Community College, and Northern Marianas College who are pursuing professional careers in business or related fields.

The 2014 Businesswoman of the Year *Maga'Haga* award recipient was Shirley Ann T. Sablan, executive vice president and general manager of Pacifica Insurance Underwriters Inc. in Saipan. Past recipients include F. Marie Calvo-Monge, chief operating officer and executive producer of Pacific Telestations; Mary P. Rhodes, president of the Guam Hotel & Restaurant

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Nomination forms can be found on the *Guam Business Magazine* website at [www.guambusinessmagazine.com](http://www.guambusinessmagazine.com) and the *Marianas Business Journal* website at [www.mb-journal.com](http://www.mb-journal.com).

For more information or to submit a nomination, contact Joy White, assistant editor of *Guam Business Magazine*, at (671) 649-0883 Ext. 125 or [assist\\_editor@glimpsesof-guam.com](mailto:assist_editor@glimpsesof-guam.com) or Lou Sanchez, sales and marketing manager for First Hawaiian Bank, at (671) 475-7853 or [lsanchez@fhhb.com](mailto:lsanchez@fhhb.com). (PR)

## Kilili submits FY 2016 budget request for 220 CNMI projects

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) has submitted a budget request for fiscal year 2016 for Commonwealth projects.

In a report, Sablan said the funding request is for 220 projects that are "important to the people of the NMI."

The funding request was sent to the U.S. Congress' Appropriations Committee last week.

"We also submitted 15 rec-

ommendations for legislative language to be included in the fiscal year 2016 spending laws, ranging from instructions that could lead to completion of the Kagman watershed project to requirements that will help justify increasing reimbursement rates for school meals served in the Northern Marianas," Sablan said.

The delegate did not give the total budget request, but provided

a list to show the funding for the CNMI during previous years.

Some of the previous projects with biggest funding in the CNMI include child nutrition program (\$11.8 million granted in 2014), supplemental assistance program (\$12.2 million in 2015), watershed protection and flood prevention projects (\$4.15 million in 2010), economic development administration (\$1.58 million in 2014), nation-

al criminal history improvement program (\$1.2 million total), and basic field grants (\$1.16 million in 2014), among others.

Sablan said the CNMI is also "eligible" to receive grants, but funds under this classification may not have applied.

The complete list of projects can be found at <http://sablan.house.gov/sites/sablan.house.gov/files/documents/FY16appropriations.pdf>. (Joel D. Pinaroc)

## ADB forecasts positive growth for Pacific countries this 2015

MELBOURNE, Australia (Radio Australia)—Most Pacific Island economies are expected to perform strongly this year, according to the latest figures from the Asian Development Bank.

Fiji will experience its fifth consecutive year of growth, the bank said in its Asian Development Outlook report released last week.

Cook Islands, Tonga, and Samoa can expect stronger growth in 2015, with a slight slowing in 2016.

Papua New Guinea, which will see the full impact of its new liquid natural gas exports this year, will experience economic growth of 15 per cent.

ADB Pacific economist Chris Edmonds said most other Pacific countries also have a good year ahead.

"In general, 2015 is looking to be an 'up' year for most of these countries," Edmonds said. "Tourism is robust, fisheries revenues are robust, and that is very important for some of the smaller atoll states. We also have the usual cycles of public infrastructure investment which tend to be very important in driving growth fluctuations in many of these economies."

The bank's annual report also looks at long-term policies that will help Pacific Islanders build wealth and protect themselves from economic shocks.

### Economic costs

The report said Vanuatu's economy would be the hardest hit this year as a result of Cyclone Pam, which has also had an impact in Kiribati, Nauru, Solomon Islands and Tuvalu.

Edmonds said the economic impact of the disaster would take longer to assess.

"The assessment on damage

in Vanuatu are ongoing, so they are coming in somewhat slowly," he said.

"So far I haven't heard of any large infrastructure that has been damaged and that seems like good news. Hopefully, that will continue to be the case.

"That is one thing that would be very costly and would delay the recovery.

"The other thing is tourism because Vanuatu is a tourism-oriented country, that is going to be very important in terms of how quickly Vanuatu is able to host tourists.

"There has been a fair amount of agricultural production for this year that has been wiped out, so it is going to be a question of how quickly that can be re-established."

Xianbin Yao, the director-general of the ADB's Pacific department, said recent natural disasters highlight the need for policies that increase resilience such as investment in climate-proofing infrastructure.

However, he said it was also important for Pacific countries to invest in developing people's skills and ability to work, through increased spending on education and health.

The Asian Development Outlook report said Solomon Islands, which was hit by floods last year, would see a return to growth this year due to foreign investment.

Meanwhile, new private investment in Fiji is expected to fuel the country's robust economic growth.

"Fiji is a very good news story for the Pacific region; they successfully got through their elections, there is increasing engagement of the parliament and policymaking ... and it has embraced a package of reforms that look very promising," Edmonds said.

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## A great deal for America

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President Barack Obama's strategy to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons has worked. Ignoring siren calls over the past five years to try to destroy Iran's nuclear infrastructure through air strikes, the president knit together an effective, global sanctions regime that knee-capped Iran's economy, forcing Iran to the negotiating table. After two years of arduous talks, success is at hand.

The framework agreement reached Thursday by the U.S., Iran and five other nations will prevent Iran from exploiting its nuclear technologies to build atomic weapons for at least 10 years — and almost certainly forever. The safeguards and inspections built into the agreement will provide at least a year's warning should a future regime in Tehran decide to scrap the agreement and sprint to build a bomb. This would give the U.S. and its allies the time to take preventive military action should they so choose.

The agreement fulfills all of America's goals. It places tight limits on the number and quality of the centrifuges Iran uses to enrich uranium and removes most of Iran's stockpile of low-enriched uranium that could have provided the feedstock for weapons-grade materials. Importantly, the agreement controls Iran's ability to produce more-advanced centrifuges, a step which might have permitted it to "break out" of the agreement more quickly than with the current vintage era "Model T" centrifuges they are permitted to maintain. The agreement also converts the Arak reactor so that it cannot produce significant quantities of the alternative nuclear weapons fuel, plutonium, and will prevent Iran from building new Arak-like reactors or plutonium separation facilities forever. The agreement also puts in place unprecedented inspections and safeguards, some of which will be in place for 25 years. At the same time, the nuclear-related sanctions that brought Iran to the table will only be lifted gradually as Iran fulfills its pledges concerning its nuclear infrastructure. Other sanctions, such as those connected to Iran's support of terrorism, will continue indefinitely.

Some American congressman and talking heads are mistakenly of the mind that ending Iran's nuclear weapons potential with military force would be easy, similar to the destruction of Saddam Hussein's reactor in 1981 — one mission by a few aircraft. Not so. Iran has a substantial nuclear infrastructure spread around the country, thus requiring a large number of aircraft and missile strikes to destroy it.

Moreover, the U.S. armed forces no doubt would want to destroy Iran's air defenses and aircraft prior to the strike, so as to minimize potential American losses. They also would want to destroy Iran's Navy and naval facilities on the Persian Gulf, so that Tehran could not threaten U.S. warships or oil tankers plying that narrow waterway.

In short, destroying Iran's nuclear weapons potential militarily would require a massive air campaign involving hundreds, if not thousands of missions, spread over a period of weeks.

Yet, even if conducted successfully, such a campaign would not end Iran's options. It could strike U.S. military and diplomatic facilities in the region with commando units or terrorist cells. It could use proxies to go after Americans and American property all over the world. It could use its land armies to attack the remnants of U.S. forces in Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait and elsewhere in the Middle

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## Easter morn

The empty tomb is a later addition to the gospel narratives of Jesus of Nazareth, the Gospels turned into a Koranic document of late, miraculously dictated by cherubs of the heavenly realm to loyal scribes, thus the treatment of the stories as historical accounts, and the sorry attempt to have a single telling to merge the specifics of each narrative.

The walking of the living among the dead is our metaphor for the empty tomb, more so because my autistic son turns 20 today. He walks among the living but is treated as if he was an excisable disease.

The psychologist Viktor Frankl survived the Auschwitz concentration camp to write of his therapeutic ordeal in a 1946 book, later issued in English as *Man's Search for Meaning*. With *logotherapy*, he affirmed the human capacity to survive any circumstance by finding meaning in it. It affirms the freedom and capacity to decide, to relate to any situation.

A life stance is narrated in a gospel that puts Jesus by the pool of Bethesda where he asked a paraplegic lying on a mat the question: "Do you want to get well?" The guy, said to have waited for 38 years, repeated his life story that when an angel of the Lord came to stir the waters so he could jump and be cured, someone else jumped in before him. Jesus said: "Pick up your mat and walk."

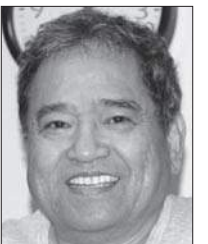
I equate the mat with the man's whole life. The message is clear: "Pick up your life, all of it, and live!" My young Daniel knows those words trapped in a self-contained world.

The dramaturgy of this is well orchestrated, especially in far-flung areas where once the Holy Roman ethos prevailed. It pacified Medievals under ecclesiastic and royal management by having Europe focus on Jesus' travails in Golgotha after the anguish in Gethsemani in a salvific story, then added the Reformation's emphasis on the empty tomb and went on to explore triumphantly the world.

The existential implication of celebrating the here-and-now as the glorious morn grabs the imagination of life in the modern world. The Easter Sunday sunrise worship service is an operating symbol of hope, a great excuse to go outdoors.

The name Easter harkens back to the goddess *Ishtar* (originally pronounced Easter) of love, war, sexuality and fertility, aka, *Eostre*, *Astarte*, *Ostera*, and *Eastre*, the goddess of spring.

I write from Saipan where post-Vatican II Catholics reign in Chalan Kanoa, along with its abortive counterparts from England via the U.S. of A., the Episcopal and United Methodist Churches. Metaphors of the "empty tomb" and images of the "resurrection" are common to familiar ears that I now sent to a friend whose adopted daughter gave birth in Tuvalu and died; he traveled to Polynesia last

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week to adopt the new generation!

Near Sister Remedios Early Childhood Development Center that beads the rosary are folks who greet you *Namaste* with clasped hands and utter a deep *Om*, exhaling and inhaling simultaneously. Regardless of which of the 4 Vedas they emphasize, the *Om* sound they chant represents laws and prescriptions of "daily morality" based on *karma*, *dharma*, and social norms from the all-embracing Hindu Way. Its numbers include the nonviolent Jains who follow nonviolent *ahimsa* path, and the monotheist refinements of the turbaned Sikhs.

It may not have the combative nature of "compare and contrast" that dots the day's pedagogy with its roots to time consciousness (now, before and after), but Xizang's (Tibet) understanding of life through the discipline of *Om mani padme hum* is recited by those attaining the Buddha state to unify the inadequacies of this life, its sufferings and anxieties, to the fullness of the tranquil stillness of the All. In the midst of Saipan's diversity, the holy chant is heard.

Up near the marshes of Lake Susupe, one hears the Muslim *adhan*, the call to prayers by a *muezzin* normally atop a minaret, "miniaturized" in the Saipan mosque. To hear *Allahu Akbar* in the green sway of the Marianas breeze is an affirmation that the faithful to "the Way Life Is" fully live lives everywhere.

These traditions of the "Way" are common in Sinosphere, providing a lifetime understanding that practices of Buddha and Dao communicate. Deep is the experience of a duality of life but carries a different resolve from the combative dualism of Zoroaster's dichotomy that Europe appropriated. Instead of letting one side annihilate the other, good vs. evil, the *Tao* maintains the distinctiveness of the *yin-yang* that balances opposing forces in a swirl. The harmony process is key. *Kung Fu Zi* (Confucius) wrote of moderation. The Way of the Tao instructs a global following.

I am a secular street-smart world-wise *Pinoy* whose son may just restate the Way as: "Get your butt going," Easter without the trimmings!



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These are but some of the provisions in the 127-page emergency casino regulations that came into effect on April 1, 2015, and valid for 120 days. There is no public comment available on regulations subjected to "emergency" adoption.

The Commonwealth Casino Commission justified the emergency adoption by saying that the CNMI government has an urgent need for financial resources. Without such emergency regulations, Best Sunshine won't be able to hire and train employees as well as order gaming machines and equipment for its temporary casino or live training facility, the commission said.

However, also on April 1, the Commission approved publication in the *Commonwealth Register* of the "proposed" permanent casino regulations. It will be opened up for a 30-day public comment period.

The Commission will then review the public comments received and make changes if necessary, before adopting the casino regulations as permanent regulations.

Make the time to review the proposed regulations and submit comments to the Commonwealth Casino Commission. This is an opportune time to recommend how the Saipan casino industry should be regulated, how you want the Commission to oversee Best Sunshine, or how you want to make sure that casino revenues are accurately collected and reported, among other things.

Given that portions of the Saipan casino legalization process have not inspired confidence for many, the public cannot afford to lose yet another opportunity to register their concerns and recommendations, this time on the proposed regulations that will govern the casino industry.

After all, Best Sunshine promises a whopping \$7.1-billion integrated casino resort that will forever change Saipan and the CNMI, whether for the best or worst.

Under the proposed regulations, the machine license fee at the temporary or permanent casino facilities is \$125 per year per machine for machines 1 to 100; \$100 per year per additional machine for machines 101 to 300; and \$75 per year per additional machine for machines 301 or more. Do you think the fees are just right?

## AMERICA

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East. It could continue low-level attacks against U.S. forces indefinitely, forcing us to choose between leaving the Middle East and trying to occupy Iran and replace the government. Before senators or congressman consider trying to kill the "framework agreement" before it is turned into the detailed document that the negotiators are committed to accomplish by July 1, they might consider the cost of a new war in the Middle East.

And what of the political consequences of a U.S. military strike? A U.S. attack would certainly fracture the coalition that has enforced the sanctions. China and Russia wouldn't wait a Tehran minute to multiply their trade with, and investment in, Iran. Neither would many European companies. Within Iran, the American attack would make true that founding myth of the Iranian Republic — that the U.S. wants to destroy the Islamic regime. It would unite the country as never before, cause the government to withdraw from its non-proliferation agreements, and throw out the inspectors, ending the world's inside information on its nuclear activities. Iran would race at break-neck speed to build nuclear weapons.

It might take them two years or three or even five to get there, but they would have plenty of help from Russia, China and others. How much better it is to gain the minimum of 10 years, and probably many more, through the agreement just concluded.

The Obama administration deserves high praise for this successful negotiation. It has averted a crisis and another war in the Middle East.

It has bought time, lots of time, for the U.S. and other governments to try and resolve the broader issues that divide Iran from many of its neighbors and much of the world. It is a triumph of diplomacy. Congress should take note.

In Singapore, the government widened its casino-entry ban for citizens to include those who are bankrupt or reliant on government aid. Whether the CNMI people want to ban entry into Saipan casino of residents who are financially vulnerable such as those receiving food stamps or who are considered bankrupt remains to be seen.

Singapore also imposed casino-entry levies, banned casino advertising targeting locals and set up programs to dissuade problem gambling in response to concerns about the rise in social problems. These include organized crimes and gambling addiction. Does the CNMI want the same protections for its residents and communities?

Many of the regulations' provisions are standard practices in other jurisdictions with casino industries, such as security or surveillance cameras, or the licensing of casino employees. They also contain the same provisions of the Saipan casino law such as the minimum number of hotel rooms, the types of gaming machines, development phases and construction timelines.

The regulations provide detailed requirements that Best Sunshine and other industry vendors must satisfy. They cover a broad range of subjects, including licensing casino employees, rules of casino games, auditing, accounting systems, disciplinary penalties for casino operators, restrictions for certain individuals, petitions and hearing processes, junket operators, and curbing gambling-related social ills.

The CNMI's own regulatory agency proposed a provision on programs to address "problem gambling." For example, Best Sunshine is supposed to post or provide in conspicuous places in the casino

## LITERARY NOOK

# In celebration of National Poetry Month

By JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLLY  
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

The following four "space" sonnets are in memory of Chinese astrophysicist, Fang Lizhi (b. 02/12/1936 - d. 04/06/2012) and Indian musician Ravi Shankar (b. 04/07/1920 - d. 12/11/2012).

Fang Lizhi was a prominent Chinese researcher in astrophysics and cosmology. His liberal ideas inspired the pro-democracy movement leading to the Tiananmen Square protests of 1989. Both Fang Lizhi and his professor wife had been in and out of Communist hard labor camps for speaking out about human rights since the late 1950's. During the height of the Tiananmen crackdown he and his wife took refuge for over a year in the American Embassy in Beijing. With the help of Henry Kissinger and U.S. President George H.W. Bush they were able to leave China. Fang then taught at Cambridge, Princeton and finally the U. of Arizona and continued to speak out about human rights in China. Readers may like to read his book, *Bringing Down the Great Wall: Writings on Science, Culture, and Democracy in China*.

Ravi Shankar, who also passed away in 2012, was born 95 years ago (04/07/1920) this Tuesday. I've often thought when they make the soundtrack to be played for future long distance space travel that sitar music by Ravi Shankar and Nikhil Bannerjee, sarod music by Ali Akbar Khan, bamboo flute music by Hariprasad Chaurasia, and other classical Indian music should be on board. Their classical Indian music is soothing, yet energetic; improvisatory yet contained within a musical form called ragas; engrossing and contemplative at once. It both rests and invigorates one's mind. There will be a need for such music during the long passages in the darkness of space.

### Black Holes are Beckoning

Throughout the universe black holes are beckoning  
a bright star in the cosmos rises among them  
Stephen Hawking has done some reckoning  
shedding light on the holes he explains them again  
Black holes reach their event horizon; Shelley wrote,  
"O'er the faint cold starlight of heaven is thrown..."  
Hawking's computer assisted voice is rising  
universal cosmic inflation has been shown  
Nuclear fusion in stars keeps the night awake  
super nova, red giants, white dwarfs in division  
cosmic symphonies play thru birth, marriage, and wake  
M- theory is now in quantum superposition  
Size, distance, numbers, it's almost beyond us to grasp it  
we must expand our minds in order to clasp it

### Rack em Rocko: Understanding Quantum Theory

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Haidee V. Eugenio is a veteran journalist in the CNMI.



areas written materials concerning the nature and symptoms of problem gambling as well as the toll-free number of entities providing information and referral services for problem gamblers.

Portions of casino revenues are supposed to go into public health services along with education and other social services; whether specific amounts will be set aside to combat gambling addiction also remain to be seen.

Best Sunshine's failure to establish problem gambling programs or implement other requirements in the regulations, or to cure deficiencies, constitutes an "unsuitable method of operation" and is grounds for disciplinary action.

There is also supposed to be a list of excluded and excludable persons from entering the casino, including Best Sunshine's temporary casino on the ground floor of T Galleria in Garapan.

Again, the CNMI could come up with the best casino regulations possible but, without proper enforcement, all efforts to make the industry work for the CNMI and its people would only go to waste.

In my trying to understand quantum theory,  
I found Heisenberg's uncertainty principle,  
that it is impossible to determine the  
position and velocity of a particle  
at the same moment. Which led me to more query.  
Schrodinger took this theory into quantum mechanics,  
past Einstein to TV and computer antics.  
Einstein never accepted that the universe  
was governed by chance and said, "God does not play dice."  
Think of particles as waves and waves as particles.  
Use Planck's constant and then leave out the articles.  
Perhaps a cosmic nine ball billiard game would be nice  
Use Occam's razor to cut out what you can't see  
Interference will provide you with duality.

### Kosmikophobia: Fear of Cosmic Phenomenon

You were scared when you saw your first eclipse  
Then awed by Aurora Borealis polar  
Lights till you learned their sole origin was solar  
Sun flare radio interference made you do flips  
Then you read an article on particle physics  
Stepping outside you started to count shooting stars  
But thought you'd get hit so you counted shots in bars  
Most of us are freaked out by cosmic statistics  
In the accumulated power of photons  
Go crazy about comets in the Oort Clouds  
You worry about whether black holes have burial shrouds  
About Nutty Professors colliding with neutrons  
Come back to earth get centered around gravity  
Cosmic hope equals Einstein's relativity

### We are All a Bunch of W.I.M.P.s






(Weakly I.nteracting M.assive P.articles)

All over out there—disappearing dark matter  
Far beyond—far beyond the outer most depths of space  
Works a fantastic macrocosmic mad hatter  
Hear the stellar pitter patter dancing taking place  
On a South Pole radio telescope we hear  
A' la recherché du temps perdu—we all hang  
Cataclysmic cosmic surfers—hang ten—No Fear  
Of bending waves at the moment of the Big Bang  
Its dark out there, we don't know what the matter is  
A new old cosmological situation  
Since Big Bang's rapid exponential little fizz  
Gravitational waves in cosmic inflation  
Underground linear accelerators glimpse  
All us galactic gimps limping towards W.I.M.P.s

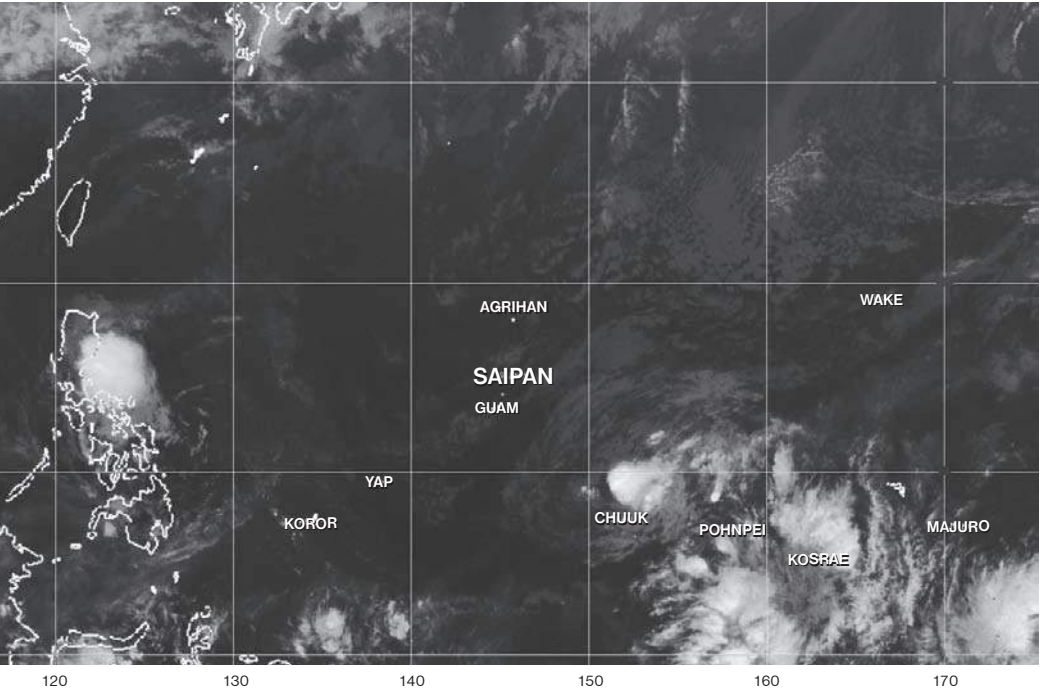


# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲86° ▼75°	▲86° ▼75°	▲86° ▼75°	▲86° ▼75°	▲87° ▼75°

## Yesterday's Satellite Image



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2015**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm Haishen is centered 110 miles north of Chuuk near 9N152E moving northwest at 8 mph with maximum sustained winds of 50 mph. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found mainly northeast of Chuuk between 14N and 13N from 1466N to 156E. For more information on Tropical Storm Haishen, see warnings issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN32 PGTW and advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ32 PGUM. A surface trough extends southeastward from Haishen to end at a tropical disturbance centered southeast of the Marshall Islands near EQ175E. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring mainly south of Pohnpei and primarily southwest of Pohnpei. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found south of Majuro between 5N and the equator from 165E to the date line. A cold front extends southwestward from 25N177E to south of Wake Island at 20N167E then continues as a shear line to end near Rota at 14N145E. Cloudiness and patchy showers are found along and up to 100 miles north of this boundary east of 16N152E. Cloudiness and patchy showers exist along and up to 80 miles northwest of this boundary west of 16N153E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲84	▼76
Palau	Showers	▲88	▼77
Yap	Showers	▲84	▼76
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲76	▼63
Beijing	Sunny	▲58	▼37
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲79	▼62
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲81	▼69
London	Partly Cloudy	▲62	▼39
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲66	▼49
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲92	▼74
Melbourne	Showers	▲62	▼52
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼72
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲62	▼52
Osaka	Cloudy	▲55	▼46
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲56	▼38
Pusan	Windy	▲55	▼44
Rome	Windy	▲59	▼43
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	▲58	▼42
San Francisco	Windy	▲61	▼48
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲52	▼33
Tokyo	Showers	▲55	▼42
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲74	▼58



### NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- \*11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.com](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.com)

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
3:22 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet
9:03 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
3:40 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
9:46 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:10 AM	6:30 PM
Tuesday	6:09 AM	6:30 PM
Wednesday	6:09 AM	6:31 PM
Thursday	6:08 AM	6:31 PM
Friday	6:07 AM	6:31 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	7:57 PM	7:09 AM
Tuesday	8:48 PM	7:52 AM
Wednesday	9:40 PM	8:37 AM
Thursday	10:33 PM	9:25 AM
Friday	11:26 PM	10:16 AM

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:15pm	3:55pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	12:55pm	1:45pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:05pm	3:55pm	2, 4	UA5077	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 5
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:15pm	2:50pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	3:20pm	3:55pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL297	4:20pm	7:10pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ623	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	10:55am	4:25pm	3, 5, 6
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	3, 4	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ624	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
7C3401	5:25pm	9:10pm	3, 5, 6				
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:00am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:30am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:55pm	3:10am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	OZ704/623	12:10am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL276/288	9:30am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, ,3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
DL287/275	6:05am	9:30pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT	PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	8:05am+1	1, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:25pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5039	10:25pm	1:45pm+1	6, 7 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:15pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:35pm+1	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:05pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM	UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:35pm+1	4 via GUM-Rota
UA5078/183	3:05pm	8:50pm	5 via GUM	UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:25pm+1	1 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:05pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:05pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM	UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:10pm+1	1 via GUM
OZ624/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN	UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
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OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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			8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily			
			9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily	4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
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8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily	ROTA TO SAIPAN		
9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily	12:00NN	12:15NN	Daily	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily						



# CNMI to receive \$670,000 in OIA technical grants

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia'aina announced Friday \$670,000 in Technical Assistance Program grant funding from the Office of Insular Affairs to the government of the Northern Mariana Islands to support priority needs identified by Gov. Eloy S. Inos.

Funds from the Office of Insular Affairs will be used to assess the impact of proposed military activities on the islands of Tinian and Pagan, conduct a 2015 Household Income and Expenditure Survey last conducted 10 years ago, and provide training for the Office of the Public Auditor as part of collaborative ef-

forts with the Department of the Interior's Inspector General.

"I am confident that these initial projects will provide timely and critical information, analyses, and data for CNMI decision-makers," said Assistant Secretary Esther Kia'aina. "These funds will help them make informed decisions on

the proposed military activities, assess their economic development and self-sufficiency needs, and build capacity needed to strengthen governance and accountability."

■ **The Commonwealth Joint Military Training Draft Environmental Impact Statement report assessment:** \$275,000

to the Office of the Governor to hire an environmental consulting firm to review the DEIS which is anticipated to be released in April 2015.

The review will cover the impact of proposed military activities on the use of ground water aquifers, potential alteration to coral reef habitats, and historical and cultural sites, including the impact on socioeconomic aspects such as noise pollution, airspace restrictions, public safety, and impact of residents on the islands of Tinian and Pagan. As part of the effort to rebalance military forces in the Asia Pacific region, the U.S. military has proposed to increase joint military training capabilities through live-fire ranges and training areas on Tinian and Pagan.

■ **The 2015 Household Income and Expenditure Survey:** \$307,672 to the CNMI Department of Commerce to obtain, compile, and disseminate data on household income and expenditures in the Northern Mariana Islands and to provide cost effective economic indicators, data, and performance measures related to economic development and self-sufficiency needs.

Last completed in 2005, the HIES project is long overdue, given that the once-prominent garment industry has folded

and the customs and immigration has been taken over by the U.S. federal government. The HIES will also provide information about the current labor force to include data on U.S.-

qualified vs. foreign workers, characteristics of wage earners, including those earning minimum wages, and impacts of migrants under the Compacts of Free Association.

■ **Office of the Public Auditor Training Program:** \$87,385 to the CNMI Office of the Public Auditor to improve the quality of their audit and investigative capacity, upgrade hardware and software needed for investigative storage and security. This funding also supports the continued partnership established in 2012 between the Office of the Public Auditor and Interior's Office of the Inspector General to provide technical assistance and training to strengthen and promote efficient and effective governance in the Northern Mariana Islands. (OIA)

» **To review DEIS related to Tinian and Pagan, carry out Household Income and Expenditure Survey, and train auditors**



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

From left, counselor Jillian Pladevega, counselor Olivia Pangelinan, Audrey Ada, Mami Ikeda, Dr. Kenneth Pierson, and Juan L. Babauta.

## CCA holds school outreach on oral cancer

The Commonwealth Cancer Association held a presentation for a combined group of 9th to 12th graders at the Kagman High School cafeteria last March 20 at 9 a.m.

The CCA gave a PowerPoint presentation on CCA programs and services. School principal Leila Staffler, vice principal

Eric Magofna, and teachers were in attendance.

The CCA also held a presentation for a combined group of 7th and 8th graders at Hopwood Jr. High School classroom on March 26, at 9 a.m. CCA gave a presentation of CCA programs and services. School Counselor Olivia Pan-

gelinan and Jill Pladevega were in attendance. Dr. Kenneth Pierson, director of SDA Clinic, spoke about oral cancer, sharing some powerful messages with the students. Mami Ikeda shared her heartfelt and emotional story. The presentations went very well in both schools. (CCA)

### TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION Municipality of Tinian and Aguiñan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 9, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Conference Room.

#### AGENDA

##### I. PRELIMINARY

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Adoption of Agenda
- Adoption of Minutes

##### II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

##### III. REPORTS

- Chair's Report
- Executive Director's Report

##### IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Management of Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino

##### V. NEW BUSINESS

- Draft Agreements relating to the operation, management, lease of TDHC
- TDHC Compliance Matters
- Ratification of Table Movement Requests
- Licensing Matters
  - Casino Key Employee License Applications
  - Casino Employee License Applications
  - Hotel Registrations
  - Casino Service Industry License Applications

##### VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

##### VII. MISCELLANEOUS/ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

##### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

<sup>1</sup>Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.

<sup>2</sup>Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time.



## Announcement

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#### INVITATION FOR BID

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BID SUBMISSION DATE: Friday, May 01, 2015\* \*\* TIME: 1:00 PM  
NMHC IFB 2015-005

#### CLEANING SERVICES FOR NMHC'S CENTRAL OFFICE IN SAIPAN

Proposal packets will be available on April 06, 2015, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI holidays. A non-refundable payment of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) is required for each set. Payment shall be made by cash, credit card, money order or cashier's check (payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation).

A Mandatory Pre-Bid conference will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2015, at the NMHC Conference Room, Saipan.

/s/ Tom Glenn A. Quitugua  
Board Chairman & Contracting Officer

/s/ Herman S. Sablan  
Director, Division of Procurement & Supply



## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



### INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-15-005, Rev.1

#### W-4, W-5 AND W-6 SEWER LIFT STATION ELIMINATION

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of W-4, W-5 and W-6 Sewer Lift Station Elimination in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project is composed of a Base Bid Items and 3 Additive Bid Items. The base bid consists of construction of a new lift station to replace the existing W-5 lift station; installation of new gravity mains from existing W-4 lift station to the new W-5 lift station, installation of force main from the new W-5 lift station to the nearby gravity sewer main, thereby eliminating existing sewer lift stations; installation of Owner-Furnished Contractor-Installed (OFICI) products; construction of a new generator building and appurtenances; demolition of the W-4 generator building and appurtenances; demolition and restoration existing minor structures and restoration of existing asphalt concrete road. Additive Bid No. 1 consists of archaeological and unexploded ordnance standby and monitoring services. Additive Bid No. 2 consists of a bar screen and appurtenances for the new W-5 lift station. Additive Bid Item No. 3 consists of the installation of new gravity sewer main and manholes from existing W-6 lift station to W-5 such that W-6 can be eliminated; demolition of the W-6 electrical building, new laterals, and the restoration of existing asphalt concrete road. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the sewer system. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 350 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 for one IFB package set.

A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **March 27, 2015 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.10, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-005, Rev.1, W-4, W-5 and W-6 Sewer Lift Station Elimination" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on April 21, 2015**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen percent (15%) of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The bid guarantee may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of one hundred percent (100%) of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of one hundred percent (100%) of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. The award of a contract may be contingent upon the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) approval. If CPUC approval is required, the contract will not be executed by CUC until such approval is provided. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on April 2, 2015** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to John Riegel, Chief Engineer via email at [john.riegel@cucgov.org](mailto:john.riegel@cucgov.org) and Nicolette Villagomez, Junior Engineer, Water & Wastewater via email [nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org](mailto:nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER  
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN  
Purchasing Officer



# Inos seeks proposals for 5-year economic dev’t plan

The administration of Gov. Eloy S. Inos has issued a request for proposals on the preparation of a comprehensive economic development strategy for the CNMI.

The administration on Friday released a statement calling for the submission of RFPs, which has started on April 1 and will end on May 11.

The comprehensive economic development strategy is expected to map out the Commonwealth’s infrastructure and development plans for the next five years.

This project will be funded by the Economic Development Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

“The last CEDS was put into

action in 2009 during the advent of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act. That plan was up to five years, and we need to renew it considering this ever-changing environment. This funding provides for the planning and revisiting of what plans worked, what plans that still need to be funded and implemented, and whether there are new plans that we need to incorporate,” Inos said.

Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres added that “the CEDS could not have come at a better time when our economy is on track to recovery on the strength of tourism and infrastructure investments.”

“The priority development projects to be decided upon

by the commission with input from the community will

## AMP joins National Find Your Park Movement

The American Memorial Park joins parks, programs and partners across the country to encourage everyone to find their park and share their stories online at FindYourPark.com. Launched last week by the National Park Service and the National Park Foundation, Find Your Park is a public awareness and education campaign celebrating the milestone centennial anniversary of the National Park Service in 2016 and setting the stage for its second century of service.

enable us to determine where best to maximize and invest our dollars. I applaud Commerce Secretary Mark Ra-

bauliman and his team for spearheading this important commission,” Torres said. Other details of the CEDS

can be found at the Department of Commerce website at [www.commerce.gov.mp](http://www.commerce.gov.mp). *(Joel D. Pinaroc)*

exploration of the people who fought for preservation for generations to come. View these 2-hour-long episodes on April 17, 18, and 25, at 7 pm.

### From the superintendent

“We are honored to serve the residents of the Northern Marianas and invite you to explore American Memorial Park and all sites within the National Park system. Join us on site or explore National Parks through our “go digital” initiative on line,” said Jim Richardson, Superintendent, American Memorial Park.

Visit [www.NationalPark-Week.org](http://www.NationalPark-Week.org) to learn more about how you can join parks, programs, and partners in celebrating National Park Week across the country. *(NPS)*

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

FOR THE

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ELPHIDIA B. CAMACHO,

Defendant.

Civil Action

No. 15-0025

AMENDED

SUMMONS

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: ELPHIDIA B. CAMACHO

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED** to file any answer you wish to make to the COMPLAINT, a copy of which can be obtained at the Law Office of Robert Tenorio Torres in Chalan Kiya, within twenty (20) days after service of this **AMENDED SUMMONS** upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, or as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court of the above-entitled Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Office of the Clerk of Court, CNMI Superior Court, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950-0307. It may be prepared and signed for you by your attorney and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or by mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this **AMENDED SUMMONS**, judgment by default pursuant to the court ruled of the above-entitled Court may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

SO ORDERED on this 23rd day of March, 2015.

/s/ Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

FOR THE

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM

Plaintiff,

vs.

MARINA A. CUYUGAN

Defendant.

Civil Action

No. 14-0171

AMENDED

SUMMONS

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: MARINA A. CUYUGAN

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED** to file any answer you wish to make to the COMPLAINT within (20) days after service of this **AMENDED SUMMONS** upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, or as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court of the above-entitled Court for filing.

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If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this **AMENDED SUMMONS**, judgment by default pursuant to the court rules of the above-entitled Court may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

SO ORDERED on this 20th day of March, 2015.

/s/ CLERK OF COURT

L&T Group of Companies, Ltd. is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

General Maintenance Worker

High school diploma or equivalent with at least 3 years experience especially in equipment and appliance repair. Must have some basic knowledge and troubleshooting experience in plumbing and electrical systems, masonry, carpentry, and other cleaning and general maintenance work inside and outside facilities. Must be able to lift and move heavy supplies and objects. Must be willing to work flexible hours.

Accountant

Associate's Degree in Finance or Accounting with at least 3 years work related experience in financial management and/or payroll and general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivables and payable management. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system and MS Excel, Word and Power Point software. Must be able to work under time pressure and must work flexible hours. CPA not required.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at L&T Group of Companies, Ltd. Human Resources office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Thursday, April 17, 2015.

L&T Group of Companies, Ltd. is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Qualified women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

L&T Group of Companies, Ltd. is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following position:

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Key Functions:

The Executive Assistant will help the Executive Officer and the President maintain organizational relationships and act as the main point of contact particularly for business partners and customers in and from China, as well as colleagues and peers in the local Chinese Community. The Executive Assistant should support the management of the President's time and calendar to ensure that the President is fully informed and prepared for all meetings with such stakeholders and to assist in organizing events. The Executive Assistant should be highly organized, able to multi-task and manage multiple time-sensitive demands, have exceptional inter-personal and communication skills and support the mission of the organization. This professional must possess a combination of strategic thinking skills and the demonstrated ability to implement and manage the daily logistical demands of a project centered staffs who work cross functionally to respond to the needs of the organization and its constituents.

Job Requirements:

Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and/or Information Technology. With excellent English and Chinese communication skills both oral and written. Must possess experience in MS Office suite. One-year related experience in administrative type functions an advantage. Service-oriented, with strong organizational skills, active listening and active learning is required. Must be open to a variety of responsibilities, changing assignments, and be an overall team player.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN

MARIANA ISLANDS

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL R. MUÑA and MINA L. MUÑA

Defendants.

Civil Action

No. 11-0078

ORDER APPROVING

JUDICIAL SALE OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY

This matter came before the Court on March 19, 2015, for a hearing on Plaintiff's Motion for an Order of Judicial Sale of Mortgage Property. Robert T. Torres, Esq., appeared on behalf of Plaintiff, Marianas Public Land Trust. Defendants failed to appear. The Court finds that Defendant Michael R. Muña was properly notified of the hearing via certified email. The Court also finds that Defendant Mina L. Muña was properly notified of the hearing through publication in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Based on the representations made by Plaintiff's counsel and the files, records and proceedings herein, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Motion for an Order of Judicial Sale is hereby **GRANTED** as follows:

1. That the mortgaged property to wit: Lot No. 010 K 04, containing an area of 892 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 010 K 01 dated August 19, 1987 and filed at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office on August 19, 1987 as File No. 87-2911, shall be sold to satisfy the foreclosure judgment entered by this Court.

2. Plaintiff's counsel Robert T. Torres, Esq., or his designee, is hereby appointed as Auctioneer, pursuant to 2 CMC § 4537, with the authority to sell the mortgaged property in a public auction at a reasonable date and time to be determined by Mr. Torres.

3. That the public auction shall be held at the Marianas Public Land Trust Conference Room, Capitol Hill, Saipan which is hereby designated as the place of sale.

4. In addition to the notice requirements of 7 CMC § 4204(b), that the publication of the Notice of Auction and Judicial Sale of the mortgaged property announcing the date and time of the public auction, the location of the public auction, and other reasonable terms of the auction, shall be made in at least two local newspapers of general circulation once a week for four (4) successive weeks or 30 days before the date of the public auction.

5. That the public auction shall be conducted in accordance with the following terms, which shall be included in the Notice of Sale to be published:

a. The auction shall be open to the general public.

b. The auction sale shall be held with reserve.

c. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer/seller shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

i) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before bid for such property is accepted.

ii) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and

iii) to reject any and all bids.

d. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone at Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758 CK, Saipan, MP 96950. Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749 Email: [rttlaw@pticom.com](mailto:rttlaw@pticom.com).

e. That a deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, money order or cashier's check. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to the Marianas Public Land Trust.

f. Auctioneer/Seller and the Marianas Public Land Trust reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of the sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

g. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property, contact the Law Office of Robert Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

6. Defendants retain the right to cure the default under 2 CMC § 4536(a) and may at any time prior to the fixed maturity date, pay the entire amount then due under the terms of the mortgage including accrued interest and reasonable attorney's fees incurred.

7. Defendants shall allow MPLT's appraiser access to the interior and exterior of the property for inspection.

SO ORDERED this 25th day of March 2015,

/s/ David A. Wiseman, Associate Judge

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSE T. PANGELINAN,

Defendant.

Civil Action

No. 13-0103

NOTICE OF AUCTION

and JUDICIAL SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 27th day of May, 2014, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendant, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015 at 10 a.m.**, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Tract 20472-5, (part of original Tract 20472, AH 506), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2064/82 the original of which was registered 26 MAR 82 as Document No. 14154 at Land Registry, Saipan.

**Terms and Conditions of Sale.**

1. **Rights and duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.

b) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and

c) to reject any and all bids.

2. **Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749; Email: [rttlaw@pticom.com](mailto:rttlaw@pticom.com).

3. **Deposit and Payment.** A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or money order. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to Bank of Guam.

4. **Change of Terms.** Auctioneer and Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

5. **Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ESCOLASTICA T. IGUEL and SYLVESTRE I. IGUEL,

Defendants.

Civil Action

No. 14-0074

NOTICE OF AUCTION

and JUDICIAL SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 25th day of September, 2014, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendant, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015 at 10 a.m.**, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot No. 045 A 060 situated in As Matuis, Saipan, containing an area of 959 square meters, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 045 A 00 the original of which was recorded 26 April 90 as Document Number 90-1671 and also recorded 26 March 93 as Document Number 93-1038, at the Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

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DATED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer



# April proclaimed 'Autism Awareness Month'

Gov. Eloy S. Inos led a proclaiming signing ceremony that designated April as Autism Awareness Month.

The proclamation, held last Wednesday on Capital Hill, was attended by supporters, lawmakers, government officials, and members of the Autism Society of the CNMI.

Inos underscored the importance of awareness, particularly of autism, which according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control is a "complex and not a well understood disability that affects every ethnic group, country, and socioeconomic class."

"While the cause of autism is still subject to debate, it is important that the CNMI be more aware of the needs of those with it and resources available to help them understand the world they live in and reach their potential," Inos said.

Aside from the Autism Society of the CNMI, organizations including the Public School System, the Office of the Vocational Rehabilitation, the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities, the University Center of Excellence on Development Disabilities of the Northern Marianas College, and the Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy System, Inc. were at hand to support the proclamation.

"I ask all citizens of the Commonwealth to learn about and understand autism and its impact on individuals with autism in our island community so that we can all play a vital part in providing a caring environment in which they can flourish," Inos said. *(Joel D. Pinaroc)*



Gov. Eloy S. Inos is joined by supporters and lawmakers during a signing ceremony proclaiming April as Autism Awareness Month.



## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation



### JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**JVA No. 15-017**

**Opening Date: Monday, April 06, 2015**  
**Closing Date: Friday, April 17, 2015**

#### Assistant Engineer: Electrical (Rota Power Plant)

**Duties:** Under the direct supervision of the section manager or his/her designee. As assigned, supervises staff to include: prioritizing and assigning work; conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staff is trained; ensuring that employees follow policies and procedures; maintaining a healthy and safe working environment; and, making hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations. Coordinates and oversees scheduled maintenance activities and small engineering studies to ensure adherence with specifications and standards. Monitors and inspects equipment for performance measures; performs preventative maintenance and assists with mechanical or electrical work; assists with the installation of equipment and related components; and gathers and prepares required hardware and tools. Performs engineering inspections; performs troubleshooting; researches methods and evaluates alternatives for improved efficiencies; and analyzes and recommends corrective measures. Collects and maintains operational data and records; prepares reports, statistics, design calculations, and engineering drawings.

Reviews and evaluates vendor proposals; responds to customer inquiries and information requests; Monitors and inventories equipment and supplies; provides recommendations for replacement or procurement of required resources. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

**LOCATION :** Rota Power Plant, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.  
**SALARY :** \$27,456.00 to \$37,066.00 per annum  
**POSITIONS :** One (1)  
**CONTRACT :** Not Contracted.

**Minimum Requirements:** Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering. Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Supervisory principles, practices and techniques (based on assignment); Engineering and construction principles, methods, practices, and techniques; Surveying methods and techniques; Engineering planning, specification, and drawing methods and techniques; Mathematical concepts; Applicable equipment, controls and systems of assigned area of responsibility; Customer service principles; Safety principles and practices; Data collection techniques; Modern office technology. Skills in: Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Supervising, monitoring, training and evaluating staff (based on assignment); Coordinating and overseeing maintenance activities and engineering studies; Reading and interpreting plans, specifications, maps and related technical documentation; Performing inspections, survey work and collecting and reporting related data; Assisting with mechanical and electrical work and installations; Gathering, organizing, analyzing and evaluating technical data; Researching, troubleshooting and problem solving; Providing critical thinking in analyzing and developing solutions; Providing customer assistance; Researching service or project status and providing feedback; Performing mathematical calculations and estimating resources and costs; Preparing technical reports, drawings, statistics, and related engineering documents; Applying safe work practices; Monitoring equipment and supplies inventory and making replacement recommendations; Reviewing and evaluating vendor proposals; Providing customer service; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Must have a CNMI driver's license or one from a U.S. jurisdiction. Pre-employment drug testing required.

Drop off your CUC Employment Application at the CUC Human Resource Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan. Otherwise, you may drop it off at the Tinian and Rota Administration Office.



## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation



### JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**JVA No. 15-018**

**Opening Date: Monday, April 06, 2015**  
**Closing Date: Friday, April 17, 2015**

#### Engineering Technician, Senior

**Duties:** Under the direct supervision of the section manager or his/her designee. Utilizing Computer Aided Design and other technical systems, prepares plans, profiles, sketches, as-built drawings and reports in accordance with established standards. Conducts field survey work; collects data and assists in providing staking sheets including cost, materials and labor estimates for services or projects; monitors and verifies project materials used and adherence with specifications. Performs project and site works inspections; reviews and reports water usage information; analyzes and reports damaged equipment information; works with contractor and manufacturers regarding warranty coverage. Conducts field inventories of equipment and maintains data related to inventory; prepares requisition vouchers for approval; recommends procurement of required materials; tracks procurement documents. Provides customer assistance and troubleshooting of issues which may include: pressure fluctuation research; addressing concerns related to encroachment and right-of-way; verifying application status; and restoring water service. Conducts research and verifies information for customers. Analyzes data and documentation; creates and maintains system information in databases; prepares activity reports for management. Performs specialized support and routine technical activities related to engineering operations. As assigned, serves as a lead worker making work assignments and monitoring the completion of work by others. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

**LOCATION :** Saipan, Water & Wastewater Engineering Section Northern Mariana Islands, USA.  
**SALARY :** \$22,865.00 to \$30,867.00 per annum  
**POSITIONS :** One (1)  
**CONTRACT :** Not Contracted.

**Minimum Requirements:** Associate's Degree in Engineering Technology or directly related field and two years of general engineering support experience. Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Engineering and construction principles, methods, practices, and techniques; Surveying methods and techniques; Engineering planning, specification, and drawing methods and techniques; Mathematical concepts; Applicable equipment, controls and systems of assigned area of responsibility; Customer service principles; Safety principles and practices; Data collection techniques; Modern office technology. Skills in: Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Prioritizing, assigning and monitoring the completion of work by others; Reading and interpreting plans, specifications, maps and related technical documentation; Performing inspections, survey work and collecting and reporting related data; Researching, troubleshooting and problem solving; Providing critical thinking in analyzing and developing solutions; Conducting and monitoring field inventories and equipment; Providing customer assistance; Researching service or project status and providing feedback; Performing mathematical calculations and estimating resources and costs; Preparing technical reports, drawings and related documents used in assigned area of responsibility; Applying safe work practices; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Must have a CNMI driver's license or one from a U.S. jurisdiction. Pre-employment drug testing required.

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# Joeten, Xerox, Brabu are latest MMAC sponsors

By JAYSON CAMACHO

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REPORTER

Three companies have jumped into the sponsors' bandwagon for the Commonwealth Cancer Association's signature fund-raising event of the year.

Joeten Daidai Foundation has signed up as a title sponsor, while Xerox and Brabu Pharmacy agreed to become major sponsors for the 2015 Marianas March Against Cancer.

Xerox bumped up its donations this year by donating \$1,500 and Brabu Pharmacy donated \$1,000. Joeten Daidai donated \$5,000 worth of cash and in-kind donations.

"On behalf of the MMAC committee and CCA, we're thankful to Xerox, Brabu, and Joeten for their continued support," said MMAC overall committee chair Diana I. Benavente.

"It's because of companies like them who are the reason we are able to do what we do from the resources that they graciously donate to our event. They continue to be our motivation to work together to fight this terrible disease," she added.

Businesses, individuals, and organizations that also wish to support the 2015 MMAC may donate funds, services, or raffle items. Sponsorship levels include title sponsor (donating \$3,000 or more), major sponsor (donating \$1,000 to \$2,999), or supporting sponsorship (donating \$1 to \$999).

This year's event will be held at the Hopwood Junior High School field from May 1 to 2. Money raised from MMAC is used by CCA to promote cancer awareness and prevention, provide patient support services,



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Joeten Daidai Foundation, Commonwealth Cancer Association, and 2015 Marianas March Against Cancer Committee join in on a group photo after Joeten donated \$5,000 in-kind and cash donations for CCA's signature event.

and serve as the liaison and advocate for cancer issues in the CNMI.

For donations, call committee chair Nola Hix at 989-6652 or email at nola.hix@gmail.com.

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Xerox sales executive Nola Hix, fourth from left, hands a \$1,500 donation to 2015 Marianas March Against Cancer overall committee chair Diana Benavente, fifth from right. Xerox staff, MMAC committee and Commonwealth Cancer Association staff join in as well in a group photo.



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## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Xu Xhang Yu	) FCD PA
Plaintiff(s).	) CIVIL ACTION
vs.	) NO. 15-0113
	) SUMMONS
Yu Yan Feng	)
Defendant	)

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is given you herewith, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Plaintiff(s), Xu Zhang Yu, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 505659, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for Filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at the Civic Center, Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this summons, Judgment by Default may be taken against you for relief in the Complaint.

Dated this 4th day of March, 2015.

/s/ Clerk of Court  
Commonwealth of the  
Northern Mariana Islands



JAYSON CAMACHO  
Commonwealth Cancer Association members, 2015 Marianas March Against Cancer committee, and Brabu Pharmacy join in a group photo after Brabu became a major sponsor for MMAC by donating \$1,000.



# Business

## Crash piles pressure on Lufthansa CEO Spohr

**FRANKFURT, Germany** (AP)—The crash of Germanwings Flight 9525 in France has heaped intense pressure on Lufthansa's CEO Carsten Spohr, who in less than a year at the helm has had to grapple with weak earnings, labor unrest and tough competition from lower-cost carriers.

Analysts say he has made the correct moves, notably in his swift expressions of sympathy for the 149 victims and the relatives of those who died last week. French officials say co-pilot Andreas Lubitz locked the pilot out of the cockpit and deliberately flew the Airbus A320 into a mountainside in the French Alps.

They point to Lufthansa's admission that Lubitz had told them during his training that he had been treated for serious depression as an example of owning up quickly to bad news.

"They are taking it absolutely seriously, they are not being

anything other than completely cooperative with the authorities and that's a good start," said Andrew Charlton, managing director of strategic consulting and government affairs firm Aviation Advocacy in Nyon, Switzerland.

Spohr, he added, has "checked all the boxes" in responding to the crash and treating the situation with "the gravitas it requires."

Spohr, 48, is far from done with the grim ordeal. The investigation will take months. Still ahead is the April 17 memorial service in the massive cathedral in Cologne, near where Germanwings is headquartered. The crash has stained Lufthansa's strong safety reputation—it is its worst crash since being revived after World War II in 1955 and the first fatal accident since 1993.

The disaster during the flight from Barcelona to Dueseldorf has subjected the air-

line to scrutiny over whether Lubitz should have been allowed to join its budget arm Germanwings in 2013.

Spohr has said "no system in the world can rule out such an isolated event" but has been careful to say the word "sorry" and express his personal pain.

"I have worked at Lufthansa as an engineer, I have worked as a pilot at Lufthansa, I have carried responsibility as a manager at Lufthansa for many, many years," he said. "Always, wherever I was, whoever my boss was, the rule was always safety is No. 1. And that this has happened to us—I can only say we are sorry."

So far, the German press, unions and government have not turned sharply on Spohr. Germany's Transport Minister Alexander Dobrindt said discussions over any management culpability from knowing Lubitz's history of depression are "unnecessary."

## Reps for West Coast dockworkers urge union to OK contract

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—A tentative contract agreement that restored the flow of international trade through West Coast seaports earlier this year took a big step closer Friday to becoming official, as representatives of the dockworkers' union overwhelmingly recommended that rank-and-file members vote to approve the deal.

Difficult contract negotiations nearly closed 29 seaports from San Diego to Seattle, causing major delays in the delivery of billions of dollars of imports and exports.

Negotiators for the International Longshore and Warehouse Union reached the tentative, five-year deal in February with companies that run the massive ships and sprawling marine terminals which are integral to trans-Pacific trade.

This week, a caucus of 90 union delegates met in San Francisco to study the offer in detail.

On Friday, 78 percent of delegates voted to urge the broader membership to approve the contract, the union said in a statement. The contract covers about 20,000 workers but only 13,000 have voting rights. Votes are cast by mail and will be tallied May 22, the union said.

The tentative agreement restored labor peace on the West Coast waterfront, which handles about \$1 trillion of trade each year.

At the height of the dispute, three dozen ships stacked with tens of thousands of containers were anchored outside the twin ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, awaiting space at already jammed docks. On Friday, there were 13 vessels, according to the Marine Exchange of Southern California.

The executive director of the Port of Los Angeles estimated in February that the traffic jam would take several

months to clear.

The Pacific Maritime Association, which represents shipping lines and port terminal operators, called the caucus vote "an important endorsement ... and a critical step forward," in a written statement.

Neither the union nor the maritime association has publicly released a copy of the contract.

In a letter to his members just before the final agreement in February, association President James McKenna outlined what he called employers' "last, best and final" offer. It included maintenance of nearly no-cost health coverage, an \$11,000 increase in the maximum pension benefit to \$91,000 a year, and a \$1-per-hour wage increase over each of the five years. Though dockworker wages vary by job and skill level, the average exceeds \$50 per hour, according to the maritime association.

## Greek finance minister visits US to meet IMF head

**ATHENS, Greece** (AP)—Greek finance minister Yanis Varoufakis will travel to Washington to meet with International Monetary Fund Managing Director Christine Lagarde and unspecified US Treasury officials, the Greek government has announced. Varoufakis will meet Lagarde Sunday evening and the Treasury officials Monday. Greece is locked into difficult negotiations with its creditors over its bailout program and this has delayed the disbursement of a 7.2 billion euro (\$7.9 billion euros) aid tranche and led to a

cash crunch, forcing the government to tap into reserves to meet its obligations. Earlier Saturday, deputy finance minister Dimitris Mardas told TV station Mega that Greece has the funds to repay a 450 million euro (\$493.8 million) loan instalment to the IMF on April 9, but it is up to the government to decide whether to pay.

## Judge orders Facebook and Zuckerberg to turn over documents

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Facebook and its founder must release documents and electronic correspondence to a defense lawyer whose client has fled from criminal charges that he falsely

claimed a majority ownership in the social media giant, a federal judge said Friday. U.S. District Judge Vernon Broderick ordered Facebook and Mark Zuckerberg to relinquish documents by Monday that were requested by Paul Ceglia's lawyer, Robert Ross Fogg. The judge said he received a letter Thursday from lawyers for Facebook Inc. and Zuckerberg asking that an order he issued earlier in the week to promptly turn over requested documents be suspended until Ceglia is caught. Documents requested include all electronic communications Zuckerberg had about a Ceglia contract during an 18-month stretch beginning in 2003.

# Nation

## Indiana success emboldens gay rights advocates in states

### Gay rights poll

*Eight in 10 Americans oppose allowing small-business owners to refuse service to gays, lesbians on religious grounds*

**Do you think small-business owners in your state should be allowed to refuse products or services to individuals because they are \_\_\_\_\_, if it violates their religious beliefs?**

■ Yes

■ No

Gay or lesbian	16%	80%
Atheist	15	81
Jewish	12	85

Source: Public Religion Research Institute  
Graphic: Pew Research Facility

**INDIANAPOLIS** (AP)—Gay rights advocates are hoping to parlay the momentum from their legislative victories in Indiana and Arkansas this week into further expanding legal protections for gays and lesbians in those states and others. Facing widespread pressure, including from big businesses such as Apple and Wal-Mart, lawmakers in Indiana and Arkansas rolled back their states' new religious objections laws, which critics said could be used to discriminate against gays. Amid the uproar, the Republican governors of Michigan and North Dakota urged their own legislatures to extend anti-discrimination protections to gays.

Twenty-nine states currently don't include protections for gays and lesbians in their non-discrimination laws, according to the American Civil Liberties Union. But the Indiana and Arkansas laws, along with court rulings or legislatures legalizing same-sex marriage in

37 states and an expected U.S. Supreme Court decision on gay marriage this year, are fueling efforts to change that as the 2016 elections approach.

"We're not going to let any of these people off the hot seat," said Kathy Sarris, co-founder of the gay-rights group Indiana Equality Action. "This ultimately is going to happen in Indiana."

Hundreds of people calling for Indiana to add protec-

tions for gays and lesbians to state civil rights laws marched through downtown Indianapolis on Saturday, drawing the attention of fans attending the NCAA Final Four basketball tournament.

They chanted "No more Band-Aids masking hate," before they walked several blocks to Lucas Oil Stadium, site of the NCAA men's basketball championship semi-final and final games.

## AP poll: Whites more likely to OK police striking people

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Whites in the United States approve of police officers hitting people in far greater numbers than blacks and Hispanics do, at a time when the country is struggling to deal with police use of deadly force against men of color, according to a major American trend survey.

Seven of 10 whites polled, or 70 percent, said they can imagine a situation in which they would approve of a police officer striking an adult male citizen, according to the 2014 General Social Survey, a long-running measurement of trends in American opinions. When asked the same question—Are there any situations you can imagine in which you would ap-

prove of a policeman striking an adult male citizen?—42 percent of blacks and 38 percent of Hispanics said they could.

These results come as Americans grapple with trust between law enforcement and minority communities after a series of incidents, including the deaths of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, and Eric Garner on Staten Island, New York, both black men. Thousands of people protested in the streets last year after the deaths of 18-year-old Brown and 43-year-old Garner, who gasped "I can't breathe" as police arrested him for allegedly selling loose, untaxed cigarettes. But the survey shows the gap between whites, blacks

and Hispanics long predates the recent incidents.

The poll results don't surprise experts on American attitudes toward police, who say experiences and history with law enforcement shape opinions about the use of violence by officers.

"Whites are significantly more likely to give police officers the benefit of the doubt, either because they have never had an altercation with a police officer or because they tend to see the police as allies in the fight against crime," said Ronald Weitzer, a George Washington University sociology professor who has studied race and policing in the U.S. and internationally.

## 5 years after coal mine blast, explosion risks persist

**CHARLESTON, W.Va.** (AP)—The nation's worst coal mine disaster in decades exposed lax safety measures at some Appalachian mines, issues that persist five years later despite the crackdown that followed, according to an Associated Press review of federal inspection records.

Excess methane gas and flammable coal dust fueled a fireball that raced through the Upper Big Branch mine in southern West Virginia on April 5, 2010, killing 29 men. The explosion and mass casualties rocked the mining community, which had just recorded its safest year ever in coal mines.

The revelation that inspectors repeatedly had cited the mine for buildups of coal dust and methane, with little interrup-

tion to the mine's operations, drove calls for greater accountability. Federal authorities responded by stiffening safety rules, stepping up inspection raids and going after company higher-ups.

Prosecutors have won four convictions against former officials at Massey Energy, the company that owned Upper Big Branch, and secured a rare indictment on conspiracy charges against Don Blankenship, the former CEO. He has pleaded not guilty and is set for trial April 20.

In 2014, the nation again set a new low for coal mining deaths—16—in part because about a hundred underground mines have closed in West Virginia and Kentucky over the last five years as the energy

industry has moved away from Appalachian coal.

The U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration also credits its revamped approach to inspections. After Upper Big Branch, MSHA began sending teams of inspectors to target problem mines, many of them underground operations in West Virginia and Kentucky, which are still home to nearly half of the nation's coal mines. Federal inspectors have written nearly 14,000 citations during those visits, called impact inspections.

MSHA chief Joe Main has said the increased enforcement has reduced serious violations that could lead to injury or death by about 60 percent in mines that MSHA has kept a close watch over since 2010.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS



# Asia

## More than 300 slave fishermen now safe on Indonesian island

**TUAL, Indonesia (AP)**—The same trawlers that had enslaved countless migrant fishermen for years carried more than 300 of them to freedom Saturday, following a dramatic rescue from a remote Indonesian island that many men believed would likely be their final resting place.

After 17 hours overnight at sea, the men, mostly from Myanmar, took their first steps of freedom. They filed off the boats and walked to the site of their new temporary home where they were finally safe.

They moved in an orderly, single-file line with colored ribbons tied around their wrists to identify which of the six vessels had brought them. They were tired from the long, cramped journey, but smiled and laughed while talking about the new lives they were about to start. At one point, a group sang and clapped their hands. But mostly, the fear of being beaten or killed by their captors had finally lifted.

"I'm so happy, I wanted to go home for so long," said Aung Aung, 26, who lifted his hair on the left side of his head to show

a fat, jagged scar stretching from his lip to the back of his neck—the result of a machete attack by his captain's son. "I missed home and especially after I was cut ... I was afraid I would die there."

The Burmese men were among hundreds of migrant workers revealed in an Associated Press investigation to have been lured or tricked into leaving their countries to go to Thailand, where they were put on boats and brought to Indonesia. From there, they were forced to catch seafood that was shipped back to Thailand and exported to consumers around the world, including the United States. In response to the AP's findings, an Indonesian delegation visited the island village of Benjina on Friday and offered immediate evacuation after finding brutal conditions, down to an "enforcer" paid to beat men up.

The officials from the Fisheries Ministry offered the men a chance to leave, fearing they would not be safe if they stayed on the island after speaking out about the horrendous labor abuses they endured.

About 320 men took up the offer. Even as a downpour started, some dashed through the rain. They sprinted back to their boats, jumped over the rails and threw themselves through windows. They stuffed their meager belongings into plastic bags, small suitcases and day packs, and rushed back to the dock, not wanting to be left behind.

After arriving on the island of Tual on Saturday afternoon, the men were given traditional packets of Indonesian rice wrapped in paper. Those who were sick or injured were offered medical care by paramedics inside ambulances.

The ministry has expressed some concern over how to feed so many people for an extended period of time, but a large open-air pavilion is being provided for the men to sleep under. The accommodation is crude with a concrete floor, but it has a roof to keep them dry and, most importantly, they are safe.

Officials from Myanmar are set to visit the islands next week and will assist with bringing the men home and locating others who are still trapped.

## Anti-Islam and anti-racism protesters clash around Australia

**MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)**—Thousands of anti-Islam and anti-racism protesters clashed in angry rallies around Australia on Saturday.

The most violent clash was in Melbourne, Australia's second-largest city, where police struggled to separate 3,000 opposing demonstrators.

The Victoria state ambulance service treated four people, three for minor injuries from assaults in Melbourne, Ambulance Victoria spokesman Paul Bentley said. The fourth was treated for chest pains. None of the injured was taken to a hospital, he said.

Police arrested two men and a woman in the fracas in Melbourne's downtown Federation Square, Victoria Police spokes-

woman Belinda Batty said.

Batty said the three were later released. She said all would be charged, but she could not detail those charges.

Reclaim Australia, a community group, organized rallies in 16 cities and towns around Australia against Islamic extremism, the "Islamization" of Australian society, Islamic Sharia law and the Halal-certification of most meats sold in Australia.

The protesters condemned the cost of the certification for a Muslim minority that is less than 3 percent of the Australian population as a "Halal tax" on the nation.

They were shouted down with anti-racism slogans by left-wing groups including No

Room for Racism, Socialist Alliance and Socialist Alternative.

Reclaim Australia protester Rhonda Cashmore said their protest was not about racism.

"Most here are happy to have immigrants who want to come and fit in," she said. "We're protesting against immigrants who don't want to follow our laws."

Rival protester Gerard Morel said he opposed the anti-Islam rally because his grandfather had been victimized by Nazis during World War II.

"What I see is two groups with diametrically opposing ideas," he said. "They're extreme views that are inconsistent with what Australia stands for."

charges that he says are politically motivated. Wearing a white Malay outfit, Anwar was taken to his father's house under heavy security to pay respects to the 96-year-old who died Sunday morning. Anwar will return to prison after the burial, which takes place after Muslim prayers. Anwar began his sentence Feb. 10 after losing a final appeal against a charge of sodomizing a former aide in 2008. The court case was widely seen at home and abroad as politically motivated to eliminate any threats to Malaysia's ruling coalition, whose popularity has been eroding since 2008.

phoon, killed four people and destroyed hundreds of homes in Micronesia before blowing toward the Philippines, where officials mobilized to prevent a potential disaster had the storm retained its lethal power. The storm was downgraded Sunday to a tropical depression.

### Malaysia's jailed Anwar granted furlough for dad's funeral

**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)**—Malaysia's jailed opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim was granted a furlough Sunday to attend his father's funeral, soon after he began a five-year prison sentence on sodomy

# World

## Kenya: Extremists vow more attacks; president responds

**GARISSA, Kenya (AP)**—Somalia's Islamic extremist group al-Shabab warned Saturday of more attacks in Kenya like the assault on Garissa University College that killed 148 people.

"Kenyan cities will run red with blood," said al-Shabab according to the SITE intelligence monitoring group.

The Islamic militants said the attack on Garissa college was in retaliation for killings carried out by Kenyan troops fighting the rebels in Somalia.

"No amount of precaution or safety measures will be able to guarantee your safety, thwart another attack or prevent another bloodbath," said al-Shabab.

Following the extremists' threats, Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta vowed to take harsh measures against the Islamic militants.

In a nationally televised address, Kenyatta said his administration "shall respond in

the severest ways possible" to the Garissa attack, which occurred Thursday when four gunmen entered a campus and slaughtered students. The military moved in hours later and the gunmen were killed.

"We will fight terrorism to the end," said Kenyatta. "I guarantee that my administration shall respond in the fiercest way possible."

Kenyatta said the country's "security forces are pursuing the remaining accomplices. We will bring all of them to justice ... We are also in active pursuit of the mastermind (of the Garissa attack) and have placed a reward for

**At least 147 dead and dozens wounded as Al-Shabab gunmen attack university**



Source: AP  
Graphic: Staff, Tribune News Service

his capture," said Kenyatta, who declared 3 days of national mourning.

Five people have been arrested on suspicion of involvement in the Garissa attack, a Kenyan official said.

## FM: Iran could resume nuclear activities if West withdraws

**TEHRAN, Iran (AP)**—Iran's foreign minister said Saturday that Tehran would be able to return to its nuclear activities if the West withdraws from a pact that is to be finalized in June.

Mohammad Javad Zarif, Iran's foreign minister and chief nuclear negotiator, said on a talk show on state-run TV that Iran has the power to take "corresponding action" and "will be able to return" its nuclear program to the same level if the other side fails to honor the agreement.

"All parties to the agree-

ment can stop their actions (fulfillment of their commitments) in case of violation of the agreement by the other party," Zarif said.

Zarif said the framework nuclear deal announced by Iran and six world powers Thursday in Switzerland was not binding until a final agreement is worked out by a June 30 deadline. The framework agreement, if finalized, would cut significantly into Iran's bomb-capable nuclear technology while giving Tehran quick

access to bank accounts, oil markets and other financial assets blocked by international sanctions.

Zarif said the deal, if finalized, would nullify all U.N. Security Council resolutions against Iran's nuclear program and lead to the lifting of U.S. and European Union sanctions.

Zarif's remarks appear aimed at reassuring hardliners in Iran who strongly oppose the framework agreement as a good deal for the West and disaster for Iran.

## Crash pilot's profile prompts questions, deep unease

**BERLIN (AP)**—The profile that has emerged of Germanwings co-pilot Andreas Lubitz has become more troubling by the day.

In the hours after Flight 9525 crashed in the French Alps two weeks ago, Lubitz was regarded as one of 150 victims in an unexplained disaster. Two days later he was the prime suspect of an unfathomable act.

By now, French and German prosecutors have little doubt that the 27-year-old intentionally slammed the Airbus A320 into a mountain, killing everyone on board, and there is growing evidence that his actions weren't just the result of a split-second decision but of days of planning.

The revelations have raised questions about who knew what, when, and whether he could have been stopped, and have prompted particular soul-searching in Germany. Seven-

ty-two of those killed onboard the flight—traveling from Barcelona to Duesseldorf—were German citizens.

Investigators have pieced together the picture of Lubitz by analyzing the voice and flight data recorders found at the crash site, searching his homes in Duesseldorf and Montabaur, and by interviewing friends, relatives, colleagues and doctors.

So far, this is what they have communicated about their findings:

■ Medical records show that before he received his pilot's license, Lubitz suffered from depression, with doctors recording "suicidal tendencies." It forced him to take a break of several months from his pilot training. Lufthansa has said Lubitz informed the airline's flight school when he returned in 2009 that he had experienced an episode of "severe depression." But

Germanwings, the Lufthansa subsidiary Lubitz joined in 2013, said it was unaware of this. But both airlines say Lubitz passed all medical tests and was cleared by doctors as fit to fly on the day of the disaster.

■ In the months before the crash Lubitz sought help from several doctors, including specialists at Duesseldorf's University Hospital. The hospital declined to confirm reports that Lubitz was experiencing vision problems, but said he had come in for tests. Duesseldorf prosecutors say there was no evidence the co-pilot had any physical ailments.

■ In the week leading up to the crash Lubitz spent time online researching suicide methods and cockpit door security. Safety rules introduced after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks in the United States allow someone in the cockpit to deny others entry.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### PH storm fizzles, displaces Lenten vacationers

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—Tropical storm Maysak weakened before hitting the Philippines' northeastern coast Sunday, driving away thousands of Lenten holiday vacationers and tourists but causing no casualties. Alexander Pama, who heads the country's disaster-response agency, praised the public cooperation after vacationers heeded warnings and moved away from beach resorts. Maysak brought sporadic rains and whipped up waves but no deaths have been reported so far. Maysak, first forecast as a superty-



# Health & Fitness

## No surprise: A key to infant learning is surprise

By **GEOFFREY MOHAN**  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Baby play just got a little less random.

It turns out that infants are natural scientists, spurred by surprises to test primitive hypotheses, according to a study published online Thursday in

the journal *Science*.

Eleven-month-old infants who observed something that defied their rudimentary expectations, such as a ball that

seemed to go through a wall, readily learned something new about that object but didn't learn it after viewing an object acting normally, according to the study.

The babies also sought out the object that defied expectations and played with it in ways that seemed to test its properties. Such directed exploration has been widely chronicled in preschoolers and older children and is a pillar of formal models of learning, but it had not been demonstrated in young infants.

The experiments offer evidence to support what scientists had long assumed, but could never quite elucidate in ways

that did not seem trivial: paying extra attention to the surprising probably supports learning.

"The trick was to figure out how to ask babies what they are thinking, since they're too young to verbally report their beliefs to us," said study co-author Lisa Feigenson, a cognitive psychologist who is co-director of the Johns Hopkins University Laboratory for Child Development.

Chronicling surprise reactions, which can be elicited even from newborns, has been a reliable way to try to assess what expectations infants might have of their world and at what ages those rules are present. Hundreds of studies

use the technique, and they've shown that young infants already have a notion of object solidity and continuity—balls don't just pass through walls, or disappear and reappear magically elsewhere. Babies even appear to have numeric and social expectations, studies have shown.

But how surprise mediates additional learning among infants remained a mystery.

Feigenson and Aimee Stahl, a Ph.D. candidate in the child development lab, designed a series of experiments involving a total of 110 babies, to test the hypothesis that violations of core expectations offer a "special opportunity for learning."



Operations Specialist 2nd Class Reginald Harlmon and Electronics Technician 3rd Class Maura Schulze play peek-a-boo with a child in the Children's Ward at Hospital Likas. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

## Imported drug-resistant stomach bug spreading in US

**NEW YORK (AP)**—A drug-resistant strain of a nasty stomach bug made its way into the U.S. and spread, causing more than 200 illnesses since last May, health officials said Thursday.

Many cases were traced to people who had recently traveled to the Dominican Republic, India or other countries. Outbreaks of the shigella (shih-GEHL'-uh) bacteria are not unusual, but this strain is resistant to the antibiotic most commonly prescribed for adults.

"This is the first time we've documented this large an outbreak of antibiotic-resistant (shigella) linked to international travel," said Dr. Anna Bowen of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Since last May, the imported superbug has sickened at least 243 people, with large recent outbreaks in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and California.

Shigella is a common cause of diarrhea. The bacteria spread very

easily through contaminated food or pools and ponds. Outbreaks also are common at daycare centers when staff members don't wash their hands well enough after changing diapers.

For most people, it's an unpleasant but temporary illness

that ends within a week and can be helped with over-the-counter medicines like Pepto-Bismol or Imodium. Sometimes antibiotics are used: usually azithromycin for children and ciprofloxacin, sold as Cipro, for adults.

### Healthy Living

## Cranberry power

*Cranberries may help fight infection caused by the herpes virus.*

**Cranberries contain proanthocyanidin, which keeps herpes type 2 virus from attaching to cells**



**That is believed to interfere with the virus' ability to cause infection**



Source: Journal of the Science of Food and Agriculture, TNS Photo Service



This illustration made available by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows the Shigella bacteria. AP

## In Celebration of Her New Life

### †Leonisa Rogopes Seman Inoke

*Lovingly known as "Sabwsor"*

Was born to life on February 24, 1932 and called to her Eternal Rest on March 29, 2015 at the age of 83.

*In her new life she now joins her Parents:*

+Ignacio Seman and +Dolores Seman

*Her Brothers and Sisters:*

†Rosa S. Teregeyo

†Pedro Seman

†Jose Seman

†Donicia S. Wenio

†Veronica Seman

†Rosa Seman

*Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her*

*Children:*

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Nightly mass of intentions is being offered at Santa Soledad Church at 6:00 pm. Nightly rosaries will be held at the residence of the late Leonisa Inoke's residence at Kagman 3 at 7:00 pm. On Tuesday, April 07, 2015 our dearly beloved will be escorted from CHCC Morgue at 8:00 am to Mt. Carmel Cathedral. Responso, Holy Rosary and public viewing will follow immediately. Mass for the Christian burial will be at 10:00 am, followed by the Interment Service at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery where she will be laid to rest.

Your thoughts and prayers are sincerely appreciated.

*From The Family*





# Life & Style

## 'Price is Right' model apologizes for \$21,960 mistake

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"The Price is Right" model Manuela Arbelaez thought she would have to come on down to the unemployment line after she mistakenly revealed the price of a new car on the game show.

The 26-year-old model said in an interview Friday that she lost her train of thought while exposing the answers to "Five Price Tags," a game that involves correctly choosing a vehicle's value among five oversized tags. Arbelaez accidentally unmasked the correct \$21,960 price after the contestant's first pick, even though the participant still had two more chances to guess.

"It was a brain fart," said Arbelaez. "I just zoned out. I



AP  
In this photo provided by CBS, model Manuela Arbelaez ensured the price is right...on the television show, "The Price is Right," by revealing the answer, on Thursday, April 2, 2015.

literally did not see that coming. My body took over and reacted before my brain had a chance to stop it."

The goof brought Arbelaez to

tears and sent "Price is Right" host Drew Carey into a giggle fit.

"Congratulations, Manuela just gave you a car," Carey told the contestant.

The clip of Arbelaez's unexpected exposure made the social media rounds online after the episode aired Thursday. Arbelaez joked about her flub on Twitter, but she said Friday that it wasn't a laughing matter for her during production of that episode.

"We took a commercial break, and I was still very overwhelmed," said Arbelaez. "I was in tears. I thought, 'Well, this is it.' I asked the producers, 'Am I going to be fired?' They started laughing and told me of course I wouldn't be fired."

Arbelaez, who has been showcasing prizes on "The Price is Right" for six years, has been surprised by the attention her blunder has garnered. The

clip on the show's official YouTube channel has received more than 3 million views.

"It's been overwhelming, in a good way," Arbelaez said. "I knew I was going to get a couple of tweets and videos with my name tagged on it, but this has gone viral. It's amazing how people reacted. It's been very positive. Everyone has been so nice and supportive."

Arbelaez said she wasn't reprimanded for the error, and \$21,960 wasn't deducted from her paycheck. She noted that there have been many model mishaps over the show's 43 seasons.

"There was an occasion when a girl crashed a car into Door 3 and another gave away

a trip to Disneyland," Arbelaez recalled. "There have been small things like that over the years, but I think my mistake was the most expensive in the history of the show."

Arbelaez hasn't played "Five Price Tags" since her gaffe. She said the next time she's manning those giant price tags, she'll reveal the answers extremely slowly and double-check each guess with Carey.

"I guess at some point in our 'Price is Right' careers, we're all going to make mistakes, and it was my time that day," Arbelaez reflected. "I probably would've died if that happened within the first year of me working on the show. In a weird way, I'm kind of glad it happened now."

## With a wink to 'Twilight,' Kristen Stewart speeds forward

(AP)—In "The Clouds of Sils Maria," Kristen Stewart's celebrity has been inverted. The paparazzi rush right past her.

She plays the efficient, constantly emailing assistant to Juliette Binoche's famed European actress. Reading tabloid stories about a Hollywood starlet (played by Chloe Grace Moretz), she shrugs: "It's celebrity news. It's fun." When she's running through possible roles for her boss, the former "Twilight" star describes one film as having werewolves "for some reason."

"I had to seriously harness the glee that was exploding across my face when I was saying some of those lines," Stewart said in an interview. "I don't think that's what the movie is fully about. It's not a commentary about the insane nature of the media in the States, especially. But no one knows about that more than me."

Stewart, 24, doesn't seem so much like she's fleeing her teen idol past as she's already long gone, maybe just glancing back, with a wink. "The Clouds of Sils Maria," directed by French filmmaker Olivier Assayas ("Carlos," "Summer Hours"), which opens in theaters April 10, is part of a string of recent and upcoming films Stewart has made in a headlong rush.

"I'm having more fun now than I ever have," says Stewart. "These movies go by (she snaps her fingers). We made 'Camp X-Ray' in 20 days. It's just better when it's faster."

The frenetic pace is in stark contrast to the plodding demands of a five-film franchise like "Twilight." The movies now are largely independent, and the roles (like in "Sils Maria") are often supporting or part of an ensemble. She co-starred as Julianne Moore's daughter in "Still Alice" and

played a Guantanamo guard in "Camp X-Ray." She's completed a science-fiction romance ("Equals"), a stoner thriller ("American Ultra") and a New York mugging drama ("Anesthesia"). She's been filming Kelly Reichardt's adaptation of Maile Meloy short stories, and she's to co-star in Woody Allen's next film.

"Because of the lack of expectation of any of these movies, there were no moments that people had read in a book that were the most important thing in their lives," she says, referring to her "Twilight" role. "I really let go."

Shew adds she's "gotten a lot better at trusting myself and not thinking that you need to use these nerves and crazy inertia to convince everyone on the set that you're legitimate."

Stewart's post-"Twilight" work reveals (or perhaps reminds) that her nature is less as a megawatt star than an actress bent on naturalism, instinct and inquisitiveness. She has basically returned to making much the same kind of indies she made outside of "Twilight": "Adventureland," "Welcome to the Rileys," "The Runaways." There's a distinct lack of preciousness in choosing projects or any evident career-building.

"All my favorite actors are not people that go off and make these characters that are iron-clad perfect," Stewart says. "I want to see people willing to go places they're not determining. You want to see the surprise in people's faces."

Assayas approached Stewart for "Clouds of Sils Maria" on the suggestion of producer Charles Gillibert, who had worked with Stewart on the Jack Kerouac adaption "On

the Road," also a French production. Stewart says she never got the script ("and in their very French way they didn't call or ask or push"), so the role was cast for Mia Wasikowska. After Wasikowska dropped out, Stewart came aboard.

"It's really something that you have not seen her in," Assayas said at the Cannes Film Festival, where the film first premiered. "Kristen, whatever image one has of her, ultimately she's just a great actress by any standard."

She has certainly won the French over. In February, she became the first American actress to ever win a Cesar, France's top film award, for her performance in "Clouds of Sils Maria."

Of the actor-publicist relationship Stewart says: "It's always more complicated than: 'Go get me water.'" Though she's playing a character on the opposite side of fame, it may be the role closest to Stewart herself.

"It's so not a departure. It's a world that I know so well and that I've observed so much of," Stewart says. "I really wasn't trying to be anyone else."

In person, Stewart seems to physically shrink, balled up in a defensive pose, her sleeves pulled over her hands. She never exactly loosens up, but she's animated when talking about her inspirations and her newfound creative freedom.

When asked about how "Twilight" changed her, Stewart rambles reluctantly on how it helped her realize she's an actor. But when it's pointed out that it sounds like "Twilight" is far from her thoughts, she quickly nods.

"Completely. I only have to think about that when someone asks me."



In this Oct. 8, 2014 photo, actress Kristen Stewart poses for a portrait in New York.



# Lifetime deciding what to do with Will Ferrell movie

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The fate of a Lifetime TV movie featuring Will Ferrell and Kristen Wiig remained unclear on Friday after the project's planned secrecy was spoiled.

The former "Saturday Night Live" stars made the ominously titled "A Deadly Adoption," playing a couple who befriend a pregnant woman in hopes of adopting her child. Lifetime's movies, frequently melodramas about life and love that appeal to the network's primarily female audience, are a genre unto themselves and often ripe for parody.

"We are disappointed that our secret project with Will and Kristen was leaked and the network is determining the fate of the movie," said Michael Feehey, spokesman for Lifetime's corporate parent, A&E Networks, on Friday.

A spokesman for the actors' talent agency had no immediate comment on Lifetime's plans.

After word of the project got out, Ferrell issued a statement that he and Wiig had decided it was "in the best interest for everyone to forego the project entirely." Lifetime



**AP**  
In this Monday, March 16, 2015 file photo, Will Ferrell walks the red carpet for the world premiere of "Get Hard" during the South by Southwest Film Festival in Austin, Texas.

had said the movie was due to air this summer.

Ferrell's statement may be an empty threat: Stars generally don't have the ability to kill an already-filmed project, except in the unusual circumstance where they fully financed the production, said Jonathan Handel, an entertainment attorney for the Hollywood firm TroyGould.

Even then, they could face a breach of contract lawsuit if the film had already been leased to a television network.

In most cases, television movies are financed jointly by a production company and the network itself, Handel said.

It has been a tumultuous professional week for Ferrell, whose "Get Hard" movie

with Kevin Hart is currently in theaters. On Tuesday, Ferrell's agent Jason Heyman was part of a high-profile group of agents who defected from the Creative Artists Agency to another group, the United Talent Agency. Ferrell stuck with Heyman, switching his representation to UTA. A day later, the Hollywood Reporter wrote an anonymously sourced story about the Lifetime movie, "A Deadly Adoption," previously a closely guarded secret.

It's not known how long Lifetime and the stars planned to keep the secret. Typically, a cable network that lands two big Hollywood stars for a project gives potential viewers at least some advanced warning that it is coming.

If Ferrell and Wiig legitimately want to shelve "A Deadly Adoption," it means months

spent writing a screenplay, acting the scenes and editing the movie would go to waste.

Ferrell and Wiig appeared to-

gether in the big-screen movie "Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues," playing it strictly for laughs.

## Cambodian cinema puts brakes on 'Furious 7' competition

**PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)**—A cinema chain in the Cambodian capital has apologized for what it called a "Fast and Furious Competition," which was criticized for encouraging participants to drive fast and post online photos of their speedometers.

Legend Cinemas had launched the competition ahead of the April 13 release of "Furious 7" in Cambodia, the latest film in the blockbuster Hollywood franchise known for its high-speed driving and outrageous auto antics.

The cinema chain posted a message Thursday on its Facebook page that called on drivers of motorcycles and cars to photograph their speedometers and post the pictures with the tagline, "I'm the fastest like (hash)

Fast&Furious7."

Di Lant, a cinema spokeswoman, said Friday that the posting immediately drew complaints from people who misinterpreted the nature of the competition.

"It was purely a game. We were not encouraging people to commit traffic violations," Di Lant said. "But to avoid any misunderstanding, we have removed the advertisement."

Within two hours of being posted, she said the campaign was taken down. A new message that was posted later Thursday said: "We do apologize for our Fast & Furious competition ... It was a shame that we made it happen."

Cambodia's transportation ministry says that about six people die each day in traffic accidents on Cambodia roads.

## Musical of 'Groundhog Day' heading to Broadway

**NEW YORK (AP)**—It's going to be "Groundhog Day" on Broadway. It's going to be "Groundhog Day" on Broadway.

A musical version of the story about an arrogant weather forecaster forced to live the same day over and over is slated to arrive in 2017, thanks to four creators of the hit "Matilda the Musical"—director Mat-

thew Warchus, composer Tim Minchin, choreographer Peter Darling and set and costume design by Rob Howell.

The story will be based on the 1993 film that starred Bill Murray, Andie MacDowell and Chris Elliot. The book will be by Danny Rubin, who co-wrote the screenplay with Harold Ramis. The producers are Whistle

Pig Productions, Scott Rudin and Columbia Live Stage.

No casting was announced. Previews will start in January 2017.

On his blog, Minchin said the musical is "going to be both instantly recognizable, and utterly different," adding: "It has the potential to be complex, dark, visually fascinating, and the-

matically rich, whilst still being a joyous romantic comedy with cool tunes and lots of gags."

Turning films into successful stage musicals has been a tough task on Broadway, with recent failures including "Big Fish," "Bullets Over Broadway" and "Rocky." But hits include "Kinky Boots," "Once" and "Newsies."

## Rock band Wilco reverses decision to cancel Indiana concert

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)**—Chicago-based rock band Wilco says it's going ahead with a May concert in Indianapolis now that Indiana lawmakers have tweaked a state law to address concerns that it would allow discrimination

against gays and lesbians.

The band said Friday in a Facebook message that it's reversed its decision to cancel the May 7 show because lawmakers approved changes Thursday to the religious objections law

that added the first references to sexual orientation and gender identity to Indiana law.

Wilco says it considers those changes "a good first step toward creating the sort of welcoming environment we en-

courage everywhere."

The band says it will donate some of the proceeds from its Indianapolis concert to groups "fighting to build on the progress we hope this change makes in Indiana and beyond."

**CARTERSVILLE, Ga. (AP)**—The former drummer and a founding member of the Southern hard rock band Lynyrd Skynyrd, Robert Burns Jr., died late Friday in a single-vehicle crash in Georgia, police and his father said.

Burns' vehicle went off a road just before midnight as it approached a curve near Cartersville, striking a mailbox and a tree, Georgia State Patrol spokeswoman Tracey Watson said. Burns, 64, was killed in the wreck. He was not wearing a seatbelt.

The single-vehicle accident remains under investigation, and Watson said further details were not immediately available.

Burns was one of five musicians who founded the band in Jacksonville, Florida. While Burns was with the group, it recorded "Sweet Home Alabama," "Gimme Three Steps," and "Free Bird." He left the group in 1974.

He continued to play for fun or in guest appearances nationally, said his father, Robert Burns Sr. Early on, the group played in the Burns' family garage.

"He was a product of his mother, so far as manners is concerned," the elder Burns said. "He had the manners that would suit the King of England. Very soft-spoken and extremely well-mannered person to come out of that kind of industry."

## Wife's close friendship leaves husband feeling odd man out

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife, "Connie," and I have been together for 30 years and have a wonderful marriage. She's a schoolteacher, and I travel on business often. I think the time away from each other is good; it gives us a chance to enjoy some "me" time.

Connie is a genuinely nice person and makes friends easily, which I admire. However, over the last five years she has become very close with a divorced woman who teaches at her school. They text each other seemingly nonstop, and when I travel, they always get together for a movie or dinner.

I like Connie's friend, and I used to be included—or at least invited to anything they did. Now, if I suggest we all go out, Connie says her friend has other plans or she's sick.

I'm not really concerned that there's any kind of physical relationship between them, but I feel their friendship has become like an "emotional affair." When I brought this up with my wife, she said, "You don't want me to have any friends?"

What bothers me is that I used to be Connie's best friend, but I feel I have been replaced. She tries to reassure me I'm still No. 1, then goes off into her bathroom to text with her friend. I think it's obvious she gets something from this relationship that she doesn't get from me. Do you think friendships between women can evolve into emotional affairs?

SHUT OUT IN TEXAS

**DEAR SHUT OUT:** Women communicate with other wom-

en on a different level than they do with men. You and your wife and her woman friend may have felt like the Three Musketeers years ago when the three of you would all get together—but it's possible that after a while her friend began to feel like a third wheel.

**Who can say why she doesn't want to socialize with you. Perhaps you don't have enough in common, or perhaps she has sensed that you are jealous of her friendship with your wife. But I wouldn't call close friendships among women "emotional affairs" because I don't think it's true.**

**Since this bothers you enough to write to me, and Connie seems to be communicating in secret, please discuss this in depth with her.**

**DEAR ABBY:** My boyfriend, "Luke," and I go to the gym together four to five times a week. Yesterday, there was a man on a treadmill who was sweating profusely. I kid you not, it was coating the treadmill. Luke tends to speak loudly, and he occasionally forgets to turn on his filter. When he saw what was happening, he exclaimed loudly, "That's disgusting." I nudged him and told him he was being rude, but unfortunately, we think the man heard him.

Luke is actually a kind and sensitive person, so he instantly felt awful. This man is a frequent gym-goer and is often there when we are. Luke wants to apologize, but he's worried that if the man

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didn't hear him, he will have to explain what he said. What are your thoughts?

FILTERLESS IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR FILTERLESS:** Luke was out of line, but at this point, he should let it go or he may further embarrass the man. Sweating during aerobic exercise is normal and healthy, and not something that a person can control. If, when the man was finished with the machine, he wiped it down, he was acting appropriately. (Unfortunately, not all gym members do.)

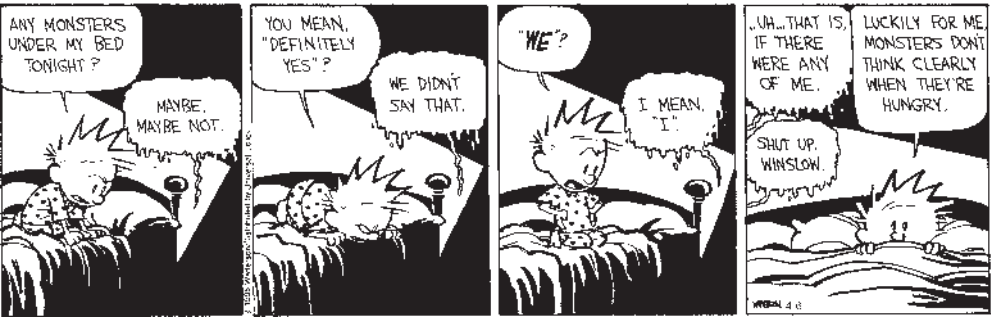
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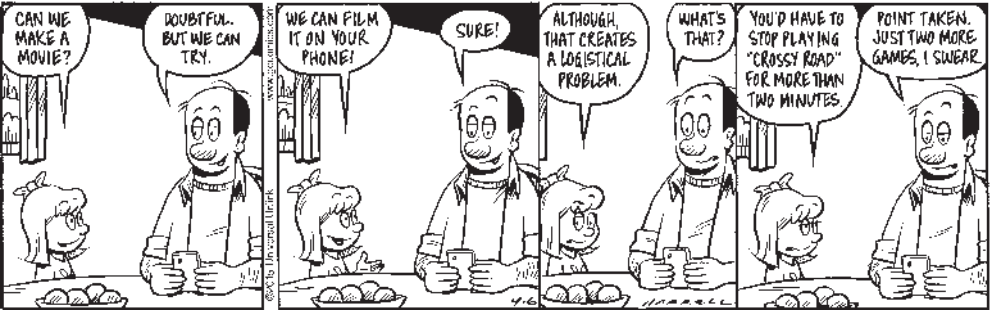
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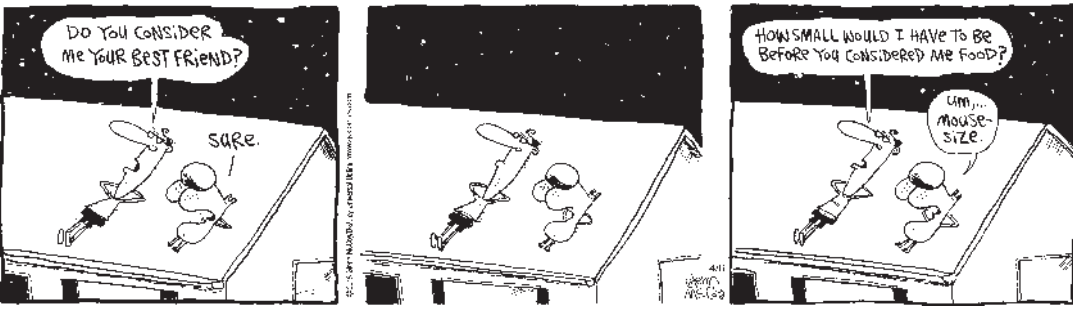
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Avoid getting into any sort of dispute. Being agreeable will help you wiggle your way through a situation without loss. An opportunity is apparent regarding a friendship or money matter. Take care of business and get ready to advance. \*\*\*

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Learn all you can from others. Listen carefully, ask questions and decide which information works best for you. Keep your emotions in check and your temper under control. Showing respect for a friend, lover or business partner will ease tension. \*\*\*

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Open your heart and your doors. Make friends feel welcome and offer help to those in need. The experience will be enlightening and spark an idea that will encourage you to follow a lifelong dream. Don't be reluctant to make a move. \*\*\*

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep your thoughts and emotions tucked away to avoid getting into an argument. Don't expect everyone to like the choices you make. Focus on the mental and physical changes you want to make that will help you excel. \*\*

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't be lured into something that doesn't feel right to you. Pick and choose your activities and responsibilities carefully. Offer only what you know you can handle. Concentrate on learning and upgrading. Romance is in the stars. \*\*\*\*

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can make headway where investments, settlements or any legal, financial or health matters are concerned. Good timing will help you buffer any mishaps as long as you do your own fact-finding. Positive changes at home will pay off. \*\*\*

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't be unnerved by what others do or say. Keep your thoughts to yourself and put your energy into enhancing your skills, appearance or business connections. Home improvements will turn out well, adding value and comfort to your environment. \*\*\*\*

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Consider your dreams, hopes and wishes, and look into ways you can turn them into a reality. Don't let anyone discourage you or make you feel defeated before you get started. Jealousy is likely to surface if someone feels threatened by your progress. \*\*

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be creative with your cash. Avoid paying too much for anything. Stifle anyone putting demands on you or hurting your chances to advance. Abide by the rules to avoid unnecessary setbacks. Romance will improve your personal life. \*\*\*\*\*

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# Wisconsin ends Kentucky's undefeated run



**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)**—Nobody ever said they were perfect. Now, the Kentucky Wildcats aren't undefeated, either.

The hard-nosed Wisconsin Badgers did what nobody else could this season: They knocked off the Wildcats 71-64 on Saturday night behind 20 points and 11 rebounds from birthday boy Frank Kaminsky and a clutch comeback down the stretch.

Now, instead of Kentucky going for history, it's Wisconsin heading to the final Monday night to play Duke. The Badgers, who lost 80-70 to Duke in a December meeting in Madison, opened as a one-point favorite.

"I just feel like we wanted to win the national title, and we didn't do it," Wildcats freshman Tyler Ulis said. "So the season was a waste."

Some of the Kentucky players skulked off without shaking their opponents' hands.

The Wildcats close the season at 38-1—two wins short of becoming the first undefeated team in college basketball since the 1975-76 Indiana Hoosiers. Instead, this NBA-ready group joins the star-studded 1991 UNLV team as the latest to take an undefeated record into the Final Four but lose in the semifinals.

"I've had some tough losses and some unbelievable wins at the buzzer," coach John Calipari said. "My concern is that these guys keep it in perspective. They just had an historic year. If you want to blame anyone, blame me."

Plenty of folks will take pleasure in that.

Trending on Twitter shortly after the buzzer: "38-and-Done." And "38-and-1."

All easy picks for the many detractors of Calipari's group of "One and Done" players, All-Americans and other future first-rounders and lottery picks.

But there's more than one program sending players to the NBA—more than one team that keeps on fighting even when things look bleak.

Wisconsin had every reason to turtle, going without a point for six minutes during an 8-0 Kentucky run that put the Wildcats up by four and left the Badgers gasping for breath and resting their hands on their knees.

Instead, they answered the Kentucky run with an 8-0 run of their own to set up the pullaway. It was a Kentucky-like effort, the kind the Wildcats pulled off yet again last week in a two-point win over Notre Dame in the regional final that made them look more gritty than invincible.

"I think you guys have seen that all year," Wisconsin senior Sam Dekker said. "Whether we're down six or up 20, we're going to be us, and we're going to play our game." Dekker, a future NBAer himself, did most of the damage during Wisconsin's



**AP**  
Wisconsin bench celebrates as Kentucky's Willie Cauley-Stein walks off after the NCAA Final Four tournament college basketball semifinal game Saturday, April 4, 2015, in Indianapolis. Wisconsin won 71-64.

comeback and eventual pullaway.

He started the run with bucket from the paint over Trey Lyles, then Nigel Hayes tied the game by tipping in an air ball after the clock had clearly turned to "0." No violation was called, and in a game full of shaky officiating that left both coaches screaming, it generated momentum for the Badgers and left Kentucky flat.

Tied at 60, Andrew Harrison missed on Kentucky's next possession. Dekker followed by spotting up for a 3-pointer that gave Wisconsin the lead for good with 1:42 left, then drawing a charge call when Lyles slammed his shoulder into Dekker's chest.

Another free throw made it

64-60 and Kentucky was in full comeback mode.

Ahead 64-63 with 24 seconds left, Kaminsky, who was celebrating his 22nd birthday, hit two free throws. He and Bronson Koenig went 7 for 8 from the line over the last 24 seconds to seal the win.

"Best birthday present I've ever had," Kaminsky said.

Kentucky's last, best chance came while trailing by three with 12 seconds left. But Karl-Anthony Towns, who led the Wildcats with 16 points and nine rebounds, received the ball in the post and got fouled. He made only one free throw, and from there, Wisconsin iced it from the line.

## Duke 81, Michigan State 61

In Indianapolis, two star freshmen, a solid senior and some of the trademark defense Duke has long been known for have the Blue Devils back in the national championship game.

And in Indianapolis, no less.

Justise Winslow scored 19 points, fellow freshman Jahlil Okafor added 18 and senior Quinn Cook had 17 to lead top-seeded Duke to an 81-61 victory over Michigan State on Saturday and into yet another title game in the city known for a 500-mile auto race.

The Blue Devils won it all in Indianapolis in 1991, their first under Mike Krzyzewski.

The winningest men's Division I coach, who has a 9-3 record in national semifinal games, led them to their fourth and most recent title in 2010, also in Indianapolis.

"The city's great, and even if we didn't win tonight the city would still be great and the venue would be great," Krzyzewski said. "This team, though, deserved to be in it. So it makes it even better. They've been so good in this tournament and the stage has not been too big for them."

The start against Michigan State didn't look too promising for a trip to Monday night's title game against Wisconsin, which beat top-ranked Kentucky 71-64, the Wild-

cats' first loss of the season.

The Spartans were ahead 14-6 just 4 minutes into the game, making five of their first seven shots and the first four they took from beyond the 3-point line.

Things changed and in a hurry.

"After the first four minutes, we were a different team. We played great basketball tonight, especially on the defensive end," Krzyzewski said.

Defensively, it was a team effort, just the way Krzyzewski has stressed for his 35 seasons at Duke. What had been wide open 3-pointers early for Michigan State became contested shots and when the Blue Devils started getting up and into the Spartans, the points were suddenly tough to come by.

"They did a good job of taking me away," said Michigan State's Denzel Valentine, who had nine of his 22 points in that opening run, including three 3-pointers. "I got hot, and they started denying a little bit and started forcing us to take bad shots and the next thing you know they had the lead."

The two Duke freshmen put up some impressive stats in their first Final Four game. Winslow, who played through some early foul trouble, had nine rebounds and was 5 for 7 from the field, while Okafor grabbed six rebounds and was 7 for 11 from the field.

"I don't think we started the game out with the intensity we needed," Cook said. "When we got down early Coach got on us and the last 36 minutes we played one of our better games. It's definitely hard out there, but we just strung some stops together and great defense led to great offense."

Valentine had 11 rebounds for the Spartans (27-12) while Travis Trice added 16 points.

A win on Monday night would mean a fifth national championship for Krzyzewski, breaking a tie with Kentucky's Adolph Rupp and leaving him behind only John Wooden, who won 10 at UCLA.

"It's an amazing thing, I mean, just to be in the Final Four, but to play on Monday night is the ultimate honor," Krzyzewski said. "I hope our guys get their rest and we can get the same type of effort we got tonight."

"Now they've got a chance to play for a national championship, and damn, damn how great is that?"

Cook was already thinking of Monday night.

"Dreams come true, you know," he said. "Dreams come true."

## SIDEBAR

### What to watch for in Duke-Wisconsin national title game

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)**—Duke is the four-time national champion accustomed to playing in the spotlight this time of year. Wisconsin is the plucky upstart that won its only championship in 1941.

The two will meet with everything at stake Monday night.

The Blue Devils cruised into the title game with an 81-61 blowout of Michigan State in the semifinals, a showcase for coach Mike Krzyzewski's touted bunch of freshmen.

The Badgers followed with a back-and-forth, 71-64 victory over Kentucky, not only avenging a loss to the Wildcats in last year's Final Four but also ruining their unbeaten season.

"We're just very happy with the way we played," said Duke freshman Justise Winslow, who had 19 points and nine rebounds. "Kentucky is a great team, but so is Wisconsin."

Duke and Wisconsin have

already met once this season, the Blue Devils getting 22 points from freshman guard Tyus Jones in an 80-70 victory in Madison in the ACC-Big Ten Challenge.

This will be the first time the teams have met in the NCAA Tournament, though.

Here are some early things to keep in mind as the Badgers and Blue Devils prepare to meet:

**QUICK TURNAROUND:** With just 48 hours between the semifinals and championship, how quickly the two teams can turn their focus to Monday night could prove to be critical.

Not only did the Blue Devils obliterate the Spartans, they also had the earlier game Saturday night, which means they probably watched Wisconsin upset the Wildcats from their hotel rooms.

The Badgers didn't finish off their victory until after 11 p.m. local time.

**STAR SHOWDOWN, ROUND 2:** Kaminsky outplayed Okafor when the teams met in December. Frank the Tank finished with 17 points in the losing effort, while Okafor was held to just 13 points.

Kaminsky also beat out Okafor in voting for the AP player of the year award. The senior got 58 first-place votes from the media panel, while Okafor was runner-up with five votes.

#### COACHING MATCHUP:

Krzyzewski and Ryan are considered two of the best coaches in college basketball, and both of them have the national championship rings to prove it. Coach K has won all four of his with the Blue Devils, of course. But people tend to forget that Ryan won four national titles of his own at Division III Wisconsin-Platteville.

It's only the second national championship game for Wisconsin in school history.

The first? A full six years before 67-year-old coach Bo Ryan was even born.

Who will win the ring that finishes off a hand?

**HOOSIER HOSPITALITY:** The Blue Devils have a bit of history on their side: When they reached the title game in Indianapolis in 1991 and 2010, they wound up winning the championship.

"Even if we didn't win tonight, the city would still be great and the venue would be great," Krzyzewski said. "Being in a national championship game, it's crazy how lucky you are."

"This team has really earned it," he said. "A couple times we've been in it, and we were lucky. A couple times we've lost - one time in particular we lost a really tough game. This team, though, has deserved to be in it, so it makes it feel even better. They've been so good."



# Warriors beat Mavs 123-110 for home court, 12th straight win

**DALLAS** (AP)—Klay Thompson scored 21 points and the Golden State Warriors clinched home-court advantage throughout the playoffs with their 12th straight victory, beating the Dallas Mavericks 123-110 Saturday night.

The Warriors (63-13) need one more victory to assure finishing with the best record in the NBA for the first time since 1975-76. They hold the tie-breaker on Atlanta for the top overall seed.

Stephen Curry scored 11 points while big men Andre Iguodala and Maurice Speights got into the long-range fun mostly reserved for Splash Brothers Curry and Thompson. Both finished with 18 points.

Dirk Nowitzki had 18 points to lead the Mavericks, who lost for the sixth time in eight games but are close to securing the seventh seed in the Western Conference.

## Hawks 131, Nets 99

In Atlanta, Al Horford and DeMarre Carroll scored 20 points each to help the Atlanta Hawks match a franchise record with their 57th win.

However, the Hawks lost forward Paul Millsap to a right shoulder injury in a collision with Brooklyn's Earl Clark with 1:52 left in the first half. There was no foul called on the play which left Millsap sprawled on the floor. He grimaced as he held his shoulder while walking off the court, finishing with eight points and five assists.

Jeff Teague added had 17

points as Atlanta never trailed while ending the Nets' season-best six-game winning streak. The Hawks looked fresh after three off days. The Nets, coming off Friday night's win over Toronto, couldn't match the Hawks' energy.

Bojan Bogdanovic led Brooklyn with 19 points.

## Trail blazers 99, Pelicans 90

In Portland, Oregon, LaMarcus Aldridge had 21 points and 12 rebounds, and the Portland Trail Blazers snapped the New Orleans Pelicans' four-game winning streak.

Kris Kaman added 16 points and 11 rebounds for the Blazers, who have already clinched the Northwest Division and are jockeying for home-court advantage among the Western Conference play-off teams.

Eric Gordon had 22 points for the Pelicans, who remain a half-game back of Oklahoma City for eighth place and the final playoff spot in the West.

## Pistons 99, Heat 98

In Auburn Hills, Michigan Reggie Jackson scored 15 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter, including the winning layup with 5 seconds remaining.

Andre Drummond had 11 points and 17 rebounds for his 44th double-double, Kentavious Caldwell-Pope scored 19 points and Anthony Tolliver added 15 for the Pistons. Detroit rallied from 15 down in the fourth and closed with a 21-6 run over the final 5:36 to get the win.



AP  
Golden State Warriors guard Klay Thompson scores an uncontested basket during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Dallas Mavericks, Saturday, April 4, 2015, in Dallas.

## Clippers 107, Nuggets 92

In Denver, J.J. Redick scored 24 points, DeAndre Jordan had 14 points and 22 rebounds and the Los Angeles Clippers beat the Denver Nuggets.

Chris Paul had 23 points and nine assists for the Clippers, who moved a half-game ahead of San Antonio for the fifth seed in the Western Conference with their ninth win in 10 games. They are just a game back of Memphis for the third seed and host the Grizzlies next Saturday.

Los Angeles has just two road games remaining, although one of them is against the Lakers at Staples Center.

## Celtics 117, Raptors 116, OT

In Toronto, Marcus Smart hit a buzzer-beating layup in overtime to send the Boston Celtics over the Toronto Raptors.

With 2.6 seconds left and Boston trailing by one, Smart took a pass from a driving Isaiah Thomas and sneaked behind the collapsing Toronto defense to score the winning basket, silencing the sellout crowd of 19,800.

Thomas scored 25 points, Tyler Zeller had 20 and Evan Turner added 18 points and 10 assists for the Celtics, who moved one-half game ahead of Miami in the race for the final Eastern Conference playoff berth after the Heat lost 99-98 at Detroit.

The Raptors led 116-115 on a 3 by Lou Williams with 4 seconds left, but couldn't hold on for the win. DeMar DeRozan scored 18 of his 38 points in the fourth quarter and overtime, while Williams finished with 27.

## Suns 87, Jazz 85

In Phoenix, Gerald Green came off the bench to score all 24 of his points in three quarters, leading the Phoenix Suns to a win.

Green didn't play in the first quarter, scored 10 points in the second and caught fire in the fourth with 10 more.

The Suns had to hang on until the final buzzer, when the Jazz missed a shot to tie in the closing seconds and were called for an offensive foul to end the game.

Gordon Hayward scored 12 his 21 points in the fourth quarter for the Jazz.

## Hornets 92, 76ers 91

In Charlotte, North Carolina, Gerald Henderson's driving layup with 6 seconds left lifted the Charlotte Hornets to the win.

Kemba Walker had 24 points and Mo Williams added 18 as the Hornets won despite playing without three starters, including center Al Jefferson.

Henderson struggled all night, missing 10 of his first 12 shots. But with the game on the line, he took an inbounds pass from midcourt, drove past Ish Smith and put up a right-handed layup over the leaping Furkan Aldemir for the lead.

Smith had a chance to win it for the 76ers, but his driving left-handed layup at the buzzer was too strong.

## Magic 97, Bucks 90

In Milwaukee, Tobias Harris had 23 points and 10 rebounds and Nikola Vucevic scored 20 points for the Orlando Magic.

Victor Oladipo added 15 points to help Orlando get its second road win in two nights after losing 12 straight away from home. Harris made a career-best five 3-pointers on nine attempts.

Ersan Ilyasova scored 18 points and Khriston Middleton added 15 for Milwaukee. Point guard Michael Carter-Williams had 10 rebounds and nine assists.

## SIDEBAR

### Pacers' George to return against Miami

**INDIANAPOLIS** (AP)—Paul George was so excited he took a picture of his game shoes and posted it online.

No more street clothes for the two-time All-Star. The wait is over.

A little more than eight months after breaking his right leg during a Team USA scrimmage in Las Vegas, George will make his season debut Sunday night against Miami. Coach Frank Vogel said George will play about 10 to 15 minutes, likely in the first and third quarters.

"It's almost like being drafted again and getting thrown back out there again for the first time. It's that same feel," said George, who will be wearing his new No. 13 for the first time.

Larry Bird, the president of basketball operations for the Pacers, said Saturday that George had been cleared for game action a while ago, but was kept out because he was still working out with a limp. Before Friday night's 93-74 victory over Charlotte, George

started lobbying harder, but still couldn't convince the top brass to let him play.

Indiana started Saturday in the No. 10 spot in the East, 1 1/2 games behind Miami for the eighth and final playoff spot.

Less than 24 hours after the victory over the Hornets jump-started the Pacers' fading playoff hopes, Bird and other team officials decided to put their biggest star back on the court.

"He's not going to run as smooth as he used to, but over time he'll get better and better. Just in the last month I've seen a major difference," Bird said. "Everybody thinks Paul George is coming back and that he's 100 percent, but he's not 100 percent and he's in no condition to go out and play a 30-minute game."

But it's quite a turnaround from Aug. 1, when George ran into a basketball stanchion and broke his leg in two places. He had surgery within hours, and then returned to Indianapolis three days later.

Dwyane Wade scored 24 points and Goran Dragic had 21 for the Heat. Luol Deng added 13 points and Hassan Whiteside had 13 points and 12 rebounds. Miami shot 48 percent from the field, led by Wade's 11-for-18 effort.

## Wizards 92, Grizzlies 83

In Memphis, Tennessee, Bradley Beal scored 20, John Wall had 18 points and 14 assists for the Wizards.

Drew Gooden added 16 for

Washington, connecting on 6 of 10 shots, including 3 of 5 from outside the arc. Rasual Butler added 10 for the Wizards, who won their third straight.

Marc Gasol led Memphis with 18 points, while Mike Conley scored 14 points - the only two Grizzlies in double figures.

The loss dropped Memphis into the third spot in the Western Conference playoff standings—a half-game behind idle Houston

## Spieth holds one-shot lead over Cook at Houston Open

**HOUSTON** (AP)—Jordan Spieth's pre-Masters run of extraordinary golf continued Saturday as the 21-year-old Texas native shot a 5-under-par 67 to take a one-shot lead over three players through 54 holes of the Houston Open.

A victory Sunday would be Spieth's third on the PGA Tour and make him the second youngest after Tiger Woods with three titles since 1940. It would also allow him to wrest the lead in the point standings away from Jimmy Walker and further boost his confidence ahead of the season's first major championship in Augusta, Georgia, next week. Spieth was the runner-up to Bubba Watson there last spring.

Spieth sank a 41-foot birdie putt from just off the green on the par-3 16, to get to 14 under

par, where he finished.

His last two previous starts—winning a playoff in Tampa over Patrick Reed and placing second to Walker in San Antonio—lifted him to a career-best No. 4 in the World Golf Rankings.

"Today was as comfortable as I've ever been with the lead on a weekend," Spieth said. "I wanted to get into contention as much as I could prior to the Masters, to have as much experience as I could to limit those nerves. This feels really good. (Sunday) I'll certainly have nerves, but hopefully I'll give myself a chance to win. Then I'll take even more confidence into next week."

"Anytime you can close out a tournament it's going to be

good for you the next time you tee up," he said.

Austin Cook, who gained entry into the field through the Monday qualifier, is tied for second at 203 with first-round leader Scott Piercy and Johnson Wagner, the Houston Open's 2008 champion.

Cook, who's only 24 and still seeking his PGA Tour card, finished Friday's second round with four consecutive birdies to catch Phil Mickelson for second place, then briefly claimed the lead with a birdie on the eighth hole Saturday.

Cook had an up-and-down back nine, suffering a double bogey on the par-5 15th before reclaiming a stroke with a birdie on 17. He sank a short putt on

18 to stay within a swing of Spieth as he tries to become only the third qualifier since 1986 to claim a Tour championship.

Piercy had tied the tournament-course record with an opening 63 but skied to 74 on Friday, only to bounce back strongly with a third-round 66. Wagner posted a 67 to fight his way into contention.

Andrew Putnam, the 36-hole leader, struggled to a 75 and fell five shots off the surging Spieth's pace.

Mickelson, the 2011 Houston Open champion, had left the course as the leader Friday before Putnam overtook him. He birdied his first hole Saturday before slowly coming apart—a double-bogey on the par-4 fifth hole and bogeys on the last three holes for a 75, now 6 strokes back.





# 16 Tsunami Saipan bets make grade for Guam meet

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Sixteen members of Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan have earned qualifying times for next month's 2015 Guam Swimming Championships.

The Pacific Games-bound Takumi Sugie and Angel De Jesus lead the list, which could still grow as Tsunami Saipan swimmers will still be competing in a Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation-sanctioned event early in May. Swimmers must get at least BB times (U.S. age group motivational time standard) to qualify for the Guam tournament.

Sugie, who will be racing in the 15-and-over age group, has reached qualifying times of 15 (out of 17) events, posting A,



AA, and BB marks. De Jesus, who will also enter the 15-and-over division, has gained 12 qualifying times, while Kaito Yanai is the only Tsunami Saipan swimmer who has compiled at least BB times in all 17 events in the 15 to 16 age group.

In the 13 to 14 division, Tsunami Saipan has three swimmers who made the grade. Mark Maestro is one of them, having registered qualifying times in four events. Miku Tammy made the cut in 13 events, while Kyona Rivera hit the qualifying marks in one event.

In the 11 to 12 age group, four are already assured slots in next month's competition. Ryuto Yanai qualified for earning the

standard times in 13 events. He will be joined by Nelson Batalones and Aika Watanabe, who posted qualifying times in eight and six events, respectively. Sophia Gauran rounded out the list for earning qualifying marks in 10 events.

In the 9 to 10 division, there are also four swimmers who have secured entry to the Guam meet. Juhn Tenorio has the most qualifying times in the group with 12, while Anthony Camacho-Deleon Guerrero has set 11. Nanaka Watanabe and Ayumi Obligation completed the roster, having achieved qualifying times with the former doing it in 10 events and the latter in one race.

In the U8 age group, only three have so far made the grade. Hans Xu and Ashley Dangol qualified for getting at



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Isaiah Aleksenko is one of the Tsunami Saipan swimmers who met the qualifying times for the 2015 Guam Swimming Championships.

least BB times in nine events each, while Isaiah Aleksenko hit the target in seven events.

With his swimmers marking or even surpassing the standard times for the Guam Meet, Tsunami Saipan head coach Hiro Kimura is confident of

their chances for the high-point awards in the various age groups. He added Tsunami Saipan swimmers will do their best to keep up with the favored Tsunami Guam in the battle for the top honors in the different divisions.

Tsunami Guam bagged seven

top high-point awards in last month's 2015 Saipan Swim Club International Invitation Swim Meet, besting teams from Guam, Saipan, Palau, and Marshall Islands. Tsunami Saipan won two with Dangol and Xu ruling the U8 age group.

## Close battle for Golden Boot in U12 division

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The fight for the Golden Boot award in the co-ed U12 division of the 2015 NMIFA Youth Spring League is too close to call with no player having a sizeable lead after Week 6.

Tan Holdings Football Club's Taka Borja leads the race with his nine goals, but Paire FC's Kaden Church is breathing down his neck, notching eight so far.

Borja started the season slow, scoring one goal apiece in their first two games before gaining his form and earning a hat-trick in Tan Holdings' 4-6 loss against Matansa FC on March 7. However, he failed to widen

his lead after scoring only once in Tan Holdings' last two matches. Borja nailed his lone goal in their 1-2 defeat at the hands of MP United.

Church, on the other hand, made it to the board in four of Paire's five games. He had his best output in their 6-4 victory over Tan Holdings, tallying three goals. Against Matansa, Church logged only one goal, while he had two apiece against Kanoa on March 14 and versus Matansa anew in the second round, as Paire redeemed its first round loss with a 5-1 rout.

Three MP United players are challenging Church and Borja for the coveted individual plum with Ye Seong Cho registering



seven goals so far and Grafton Howard and Rintaro Miyawaki having six each. Cho bagged two goals each against Kanoa and Matansa and one apiece versus Tan Holdings (first and second round) and Paire.

Grafton had his most goals in their first game of the season, as he knocked in three in their 10-3 demolition of Tan Holdings. He added three more in their duel against Paire and Matansa. Miyawaki also recorded a hat-trick in their first win and posted one apiece against Kanoa, Paire, and Tan Holdings.

Twelve other players have scored at least two goals each, while eight made at least one.

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went 2-for3. The four also combined for 14 of the team's total 15 RBIs.

Braves catcher Dison tallied five RBIs as he had a two-RBI triple and an RBI single in the second inning, while Kileleman also drove in five runs, on consecutive two-RBI doubles in the first and second, and an RBI single.

Vincent Camacho had three RBIs including an RBI single in the second while Norita had an

RBI triple.

### Kagboys 13, McDonald's 3

Justin Agulto pitched a two-hit game and had a 3-for-3 batting in the Kagboys' victory over Team McDonald's.

Agulto gave up two earned runs, struck out 11 and walked six. He had three singles and scored three times.

A.J. Sanchez had a double and two RBIs in a 2-for-3 appearance at the plate.

John Acosta and John Santos allowed a combined 10 hits on

six earned runs with five strikeouts and six walks.

### Little Legals 12, Little Padres 2

Delbert Sablan Jr. belted a two-run inside-the-park homer in the second inning in the Little Legals' shortened match over the Little Padres.

Sablan's two-run shot brought in William Jones in the process while Kaipo Dikito had an RBI triple also in the second inning. Courtney Lizama had an RBI double while Gunner Sablan had an RBI single.

Month after he and partner Misaki Cramer topped the Junior Cup of the Marianas Cup Pro-Am Beach Volleyball Tournament.

The Saipan International School senior was also selected on the CNMI Youth All Star indoor team and will represent the Commonwealth along with Clay McCullough-Stearns in the July Pacific Games in Papua New Guinea.

Luke Beling of tennis, beach volleyball's Zena Demapan and Tyler Willsey, junior netter Luther Lizama, and Saipan Baseball League rookie Verlance Secharmidal were the other nominees.

## 460 and counting for Saipan Marathon

Over 460 runners have registered to join the 10th Saipan Marathon on April 25, 2015.

The Marianas Visitors Authority says they are expecting the number to increase leading up to the registration deadline this Friday, April 10, at 5pm.

"We're pleased to see about 300 runners coming from Japan, only, for the event, as well as runners from China, Korea, and other countries," said MVA Marketing manager Martin Duenas. "So far we have over 100 participants from the Northern Marianas, as well. Whether for fun or fierce competition, we invite all local runners to join our visitors in this very popular annual signature event."

The 10th Saipan Marathon will feature marathon, half-marathon, 10K, and 50K courses.

Registration for the 50K and marathon is \$65 for U.S. and NMI participants, and \$55 for half-marathon and 10K participants. Registration will include the awards banquet, a finishers T-shirt, and a certificate of completion.

The start will take place at the American Memorial Park at 4am for the 50K and the Marathon, at 5am for the half-marathon, and at 5:45am for the 10K. The cut-off time for the 50K and marathon will be 8:30am at the halfway point in front of Bridge

Capital in Garapan.

All competitors are required to pick up their race packets on April 24, 2015, at American Memorial Park, without exception.

Entry forms are available at the MVA office located in on Beach Rd. in San Jose or on the MVA official website Event Calendar at [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com).

For more information contact Ed Diaz at the MVA at 664-3210 or through email at [ediaz@mymarianas.com](mailto:ediaz@mymarianas.com).

Beijing TV (BTV) sports channel and other international media will be on-island to cover the event. (MVA)



## Mahi Fishing Derby on April 11

The Saipan Fishermen's Association has set the 11th Annual Mahi Fishing Derby on April 11, 2015, launching from Smiling Cove Marina. The derby will start promptly at 6am and will conclude at 5pm the same day.



Cash prizes will be: \$1,000 for first place, \$750 for second place, \$500 for third place, and in-kind prizes for fourth and fifth place.

The registration fee is \$100 per boat, including one captain and one angler, with \$10 as-

essed for each additional angler. Pre-registration is set for April 10 from 4:30pm to 6pm at the Smiling Cove Marina weighing station. Derby officials from the SFA will briefly explain the rules and regulations of the competition.

Spectators are invited to see the day's catch as fishermen begin returning to Smiling Cove Marina at approximately 4pm on April 11. Event organizers are reminding participants that no catch will be weighed in and entered after the 5pm deadline.

The awards party will immediately take place after the derby at Smiling Cove Marina starting at 6pm.

Interested applicants may pick up registration forms, rules and regulations, and schedule of events at the Marianas Visitors Authority office or download via the MVA Calendar of Events under the event date at [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com).

For more information about the derby, contact Ed Diaz at MVA at 664-3200/01 or via e-mail at [ediaz@mymarianas.com](mailto:ediaz@mymarianas.com). (MVA)

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Thai national after her strong showing in the Junior Fed Cup.

Race added that Ackerman declined the offer since she was born and raised on Saipan, and will continue to carry the CNMI's colors in major international tennis competitions.

Jack Kabiriel and Dino Manning, the co-nominees of the Northern Marianas National Paddle Sports Federation, were the Male Athletes of the Month after bringing home two silver and two bronze medals in last month's 2015 Paddle Sports Classic in Guam.

Kabiriel won the silver in the four-mile one-man outrigger canoe race with Manning placing third. In the two-mile Stand-Up Paddleboard event, Kabiriel and Manning switched places.

Manning clocked 22:44, which was 38 seconds behind the gold medalist from Hawaii, while Kabiriel was third with a time of 23:24.

NMNPSF official Gil Birnrich said what made Kabiriel and Manning's feats commendable were they still had podium finishes despite the subpar equipment that they had in a highly competitive tournament.

Andrew Johnson earned the Male Student Athlete of the

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are asked to send their representative. Transportation, housing, meals, and other details about the competition will be discussed at the meeting.

White is also reminding participating teams about the April 15 deadline for submission of accreditation requests. Each delegate must turn in a photocopy of the business page of their passport and a passport-sized photo. Passports should be valid at least until Dec. 4, 2015.

With the Pacific Games less than three months away, White is urging participants to secure airline seats as soon as possible.

According to the NMSA head, there are three ways to get through Papua New Guinea—via Cairns in Australia, Manila, Philippines, and Tokyo, Japan. The route via Cairns has only two connecting flights (per week) from Guam and an electronic Australian visa is needed for this trip. Manila has four flights to Port Moresby every week and

delegates from Palau and the Federated States of Micronesia, and some from Guam are expected to take this route. Tokyo, on the other hand, offers only one flight per week and airfare is more expensive.

"Get your tickets as soon as you can. NMSA will be able to reimburse you for a portion of your airfares, but it will be on a reimbursement basis, and the details have not yet been decided," White wrote in an email sent to federations that will participate in the Pacific Games.



# 2015 XTERRA Saipan Winners

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Jerome Diycio smiles after getting his XTERRA World qualifier certificate and receiving his medal in the U19 age group of the 2015 XTERRA Saipan Championship during the awards ceremony held late last month at the Pacific Islands Club. Joining the light moment is PIC's Glenn Policare.



XTERRA Saipan 30 to 34 champion Charlie Sendin, right, is joined by runner-up Wataru Takagi in the presentation of medals.



Saipan's Kaity Mattos is all smiles after earning receiving her medal and a qualifying slot in XTERRA World.



From left, 40 to 44's third placer Ernie Moises, runner-up Peter Prestley, and Charles Fortier pose for a group photo.



The Top 3 finishers in the 35 to 39 age group, from left, third placer Nathan Mapson, runner-up Leevin Camacho, and champion Keisuke Hirano pose with their medals.



Saipan's Tyce Mister, center, is flanked by 45 to 49 champion Taro Urashima, left, and Jun Haneda.



Japan's Yuri Ono, left, and Tetsuya Sugimori celebrate their victory in the 50 to 54 age group.



Masashi Ando, left, and Alan Moore pose with their medals in the 65 to 69 age group.



The Top 3 finishers in the 55 to 59 age group, from left third finisher Makoto Katayama, runner-up Florence Antonio, and champion Alex Oviedo show their XTERRA World qualifier certificate.



Many-time XTERRA Saipan participant G.L. Brown is congratulated by Pivot24's Kelli Wedd.





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## Dison, Camacho homer in Braves win

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**A**nthony Dison and Vincent Camacho each blasted a homerun to power the Tanapag Braves to a 21-4 crushing of the As Matuis Twins in the Majors division of the Saipan Little League on Saturday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan ballfield.

It was a shortened match as the Twins had to forfeit the game in the top of the third after one of their players got injured.

Dison had a two-run inside-the-park homer in the first inning to bring in Heath Camacho, while Vincent Camacho also had a two-run shot in the second, which was part of the



Braves' 16-run barrage.

Vincent Camacho also drove in Dison, who singled, with his round-tripper.

Dison and Steven Kilele-man had perfect appearances at the plate, 3-for-3, while Vincent Camacho and Tristan Norita

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**JON PEREZ**  
The Natibu Sports Association Braves' Vincent Camacho throws to the plate in their game against the As Matuis Twins in the Saipan Little League on Saturday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan ballfield.

## Ackerman, 3 others clinch NMSA monthly honors

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CNMI netter Tammy Ackerman clinched the March Female Student Athlete of the Month to lead three others who earned the monthly

honor given by the Northern Marianas Sports Association.

Ackerman, who now trains in the home country of her mother in Thailand but still represents the Commonwealth in



Ackerman



Manning

3-0 triumph.

The Ackerman-Samarasinghe match was the longest recorded finale in Junior Fed Cup history.

Ackerman, the CNMI's highest ranked player in the Junior ITF at 1,009 out of more than 5,000 junior netters, had a 4-1 record in the tournament



Kabiriel



Johnson

where she won 61 out of 98 games she played.

Ackerman and Pacific Oceania teammates Mula Kamoe of Fiji and Palau's Ayana Rengil also scored an upset

over top-ranked Singapore in Group A of pool play. They scored a 3-0 win over Iran to arrange a finals duel with Sri Lanka.

Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Federation official Jeff Race said officials of the Lawn Tennis Association of Thailand tried to recruit Ackerman since her mother is a

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## 4 swimmers off to Pacific Games

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The CNMI will be sending four swimmers to the XV Pacific Games in Papua New Guinea.

Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation official Carol-Lynn Pierce said Victoria Chentsova, Angel De Jesus, Kento Akimaru, and Takumi Sugie will represent the Commonwealth to the quadrennial meet that will run from July 4 to 18 in Port Moresby. Jacoby Winkfield, 2014 NMSA Coach of the Year, will call the shots for the four-member swim team.

All four are no strangers to off-island competition, having represented the CNMI to international events in the past years. Chentsova, Akimaru, and

Sugie competed in the 2014 Micronesian Games in Pohnpei with the former winning gold medals in the 200m, 400, and 800m freestyle races and a bronze in the 100m freestyle event of the regional tournament. Chentsova, along with De Jesus, also donned the



CNMI national colors during the 15th FINA World Championships in Barcelona, Spain, in 2013.

**Mandatory meeting tomorrow**

Meanwhile, Northern Marianas Sports Association presi-

dent Mike White is reminding coaches of teams/athletes participating in this year's Pacific Games to attend a mandatory meeting tomorrow at 7pm at his law office in Susupe.

Coaches who will not be able to attend the important meeting

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**ROSELYN B. MONROYO**  
Kento Akimaru, seen here racing in a local meet this year, is among the four CNMI swimmers who will compete in the XV Pacific Games in Papua New Guinea in July.